



SOCCER SOUTH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

March

- 18 Spring 2009 Coaches Mtg. @ SDSM Library
- 28 Field Day @ Soccer South Fields (1-5pm)
- 29 Rain Date for Field Day (if needed)(1-5pm)
- 30 First BSA Clinic 6-6:30pm @ SS Complex

April

- 4/5 Opening Weekend @ Soccer South
- 6 Goal Keeper Clinic @ Soccer South – 6-6:45
- 11/12 Complex Closed – Easter
- 18 Picture Day @ the Soccer House
- 20 Soccer South Board Mtg – Heartland Inn 7pm

May

- 3 Cookie Dough orders must be turned in
- 18 Soccer South Board Mtg – Heartland Inn 7pm
- 23/24 Complex Closed – Memorial Day
- 25 No BSA Clinic – Memorial Day
- 31 Cookie Dough orders are in for pick up

June

- 2 Last BSA Clinic 6-6:30pm @ SS Complex
- 6 Soccer South Night @ the Menace Game
- 6/7 Last weekend of the Spring 2009 season
- 15 Soccer South Board Mtg – Heartland Inn 7pm

President's Note – Mike Vilez

Hard to believe that in only a few weeks, we will be back outside playing soccer. I would like to welcome back all of our returning members, as well as extend a welcome to all our new families. Our soccer club has existed for over 25 years, and over the years we have seen many changes, but the one thing that always remains the same, is the need for a strong core of volunteerism amongst the members to help us get through each season. The work to run the club is a year long project done by a few, but leading up to and during the season of course is when we are at our peak time of need for our club members to step up and help out. Everything from field day in March, to concessions duty during the season, all rely on volunteers. We will again be trying to raise extra funds through cookie dough sales, so there are ample opportunities to help the club. I would like to thank everyone who in the past has helped out and hope to see many new faces this season.

Our Goal is to provide a positive learning environment for the kids. Please remember to always be that positive role model at both practice and games. The goal is fun, and it is never acceptable to yell at players, coaches, or referees. Our coaches are all volunteers and our referees, many of whom are young soccer players, this is their 1st experience possibly at refereeing or working, and if it was your son or daughter, you would hate to see them yelled at by a bunch of adults. If anyone's behavior does get out of line, then they will be asked to leave the complex.

We are still in need of a few members to step up and help coach, as well as a few open positions on our board. If you are interested in coaching or joining the soccer board, please contact me to discuss. This is a great opportunity to be involved and help with the direction of the club. For more details, just contact me at 515-287-4307.

We will be holding our Spring Coaches meeting at the South Des Moines Library on Wednesday March 18th, @ 6:30pm. All coaches are asked to attend. All players should be contacted by coaches no later than March 27th. If you have not heard from your child's coach by the 27th, please feel free to contact Renee Newsom at rsnewsom@msn.com.

I look forward to another great season of Soccer at Soccer South!

Spring 2009

Opening weekend is set for April 4th and 5th. There will be no games over Easter weekend (April 11/12) or over Memorial Day weekend (May 23/24).

Field Day

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! We have awesome fields! In order to maintain them, we are asking that all members donate a little of their time to help prepare them for the upcoming season. During field day we will be clearing the fields of trash that has accumulated during the winter months, putting up nets, marking fields, and other miscellaneous tasks. All members are encouraged to attend. It's a great chance to meet other parents, coaches and board members. Please come dressed for the weather and be prepared to get a little dirty, possibly working with paint. Mark your calendars for **Saturday March 28th from 1-5pm**. The rain date is **Sunday March 29th, from 1-5pm**. We hope to see YOU there!

Soccer South Website

The Soccer South website address is: www.soccersouthdsm.org. The website has general information such as how to contact the current board members and info about the club – as well as specific information like game cancellations, tournament info, etc.

Game Cancellations

If Soccer South cancels games club-wide, coaches will be contacted by e-mail and our web site will be updated. The most common reasons for canceling games are lightning, significant snow accumulation and extreme cold. As a general rule, games will not be canceled club-wide due to rain, heat or cold. As a parent/guardian of a player, if you feel the conditions are unfit for play, you need to make your coach aware. If games have not been canceled club-wide, coaches may cancel individual games. Coaches, if you wish to cancel for any reason (weather, tournament conflicts, lack of players, etc), please follow the Game Canceling & Rescheduling policy. This policy is listed on the Soccer South website at www.soccersouthdsm.org/sssc/policies.asp.

Parking

Please be careful when entering and leaving the Soccer South complex. As always, our first concern is the safety of our kids and those who come to watch them play! Please park wisely so we can maximize our parking spaces.

Pictures

Pictures will be held Saturday, April 18th at the Soccer House. The Soccer House is located just off of the Highway 5 bypass. Your coach will give you the specific time for your team and if you have any additional questions, please contact Teresa Rush, (pictures), @ 285-6795.

Menace Season Tickets



Once again, the Des Moines Menace has partnered up with us to offer Soccer South members discounted season tickets to all of their home games!

- Soccer South can purchase Menace (PDL) season tickets at a discount price:
 - Soccer South **players** - \$5
 - Soccer South **coaches** - \$25
 - Soccer South adult members - \$40
 - Soccer South kid members - \$25

Menace Contact for ticket discounts:

Bobby Godberson
Phone: 515.457.6364
Email: ryg@menacesoccer.com

5/2	7:30 PM	Des Moines Latinos United
5/9	7:30 PM	Rochester Thunder
5/16	7:30 PM	Real Colorado
5/30	7:30 PM	St. Louis Lions
6/6	7:30 PM	Winnipeg Lions – SS Night!
6/20	7:30 PM	Kansas City Brass
6/27	7:30 PM	Springfield Demize
7/4	7:30 PM	Thunder Bay Chill
7/11	7:30 PM	Springfield Demize
7/18	7:30 PM	St. Louis Lions

Referees Needed

At Soccer South, certified referees are needed for games of age groups U10 and above. Soccer South referees are paid for the games that they referee. This could be a source of extra income for older players, parents or coaches. Available class times are listed on the Iowa referee website at: www.iowareferees.org. If you are interested in refereeing for Soccer South, please contact Mark Carlson (Head of Referees) @ 287-7864.

Indoor Soccer House April Session

Our friends at the Soccer House wanted us to inform our members of their upcoming April session. This is their last indoor session of the year, and it runs for 6 weeks, and is ½ price. They have leagues for U10 thru Adult. If interested in putting in a team, or having your player play as a guest player, please visit:

www.thesoccerhouse.blogspot.com or call 515-287-8847.

BSA Clinics

Once again, we will offer player clinics for this season to allow for more access to the awesome opportunity to be exposed to Division I college players and coaches. The clinics will be offered 2 times per week and each night is open to all players.

Drake players and/or coaches will lead the clinics and each night the players will be separated by age. The clinics begin Monday, March 30th and will end Tuesday, June 2nd. Players can attend individually or coaches can use the sessions as a team practice. There is no sign-up and players don't need to attend every week. The general format is that the first 30 minutes of the session consists of individual skill building drills and games. The remaining time is available for coaches to do team-oriented practices and scrimmages and coaches will be permitted to use the Soccer South fields for the remainder of the night. Come out and try it!

Monday **6-6:30pm**
Tuesday **6-6:30pm**

Players need to wear shin guards and **bring** their own **ball** and **water bottle** (clearly marked with their name). Balls will **NOT** be provided!

Goal Keeper Clinic

I am happy to announce that our goal keeper session this year will be run by Casey Mann. Casey is the head coach of the Des Moines Menace, as well as a former Collegiate and PDL goal keeper. He is a fantastic instructor on the position. The clinic is scheduled for Monday April 6th, @ the Soccer South complex from 6-6:45pm. This clinic is for players U9 and above, and who play or are interested in playing the position of goal keeper.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

We will again be doing our annual cookie dough fundraiser this spring. This is a great opportunity for the club to raise some extra funds to do work on the complex. Due to last years flooding, we have many areas that need to be leveled and re-seeded, so please help us in making the complex a better place. Not only does the fundraising company have prizes, we have also added some prizes for top sellers:

1st Place – (Top Seller) - \$75 gift card to Toys R Us
2nd Place – \$50 gift card to Toys R Us
3rd Place - \$25 gift card to Toys R Us

Every player will get a fundraising packet from their coach with all the details. All orders must be turned into the concession stand, no later than Sunday May 3rd. The cookie dough will be available for pick up on Sunday May 31st, from 1-4pm at the back side of the concession stand. Good luck and thanks for your participation. If you have any other questions, please contact Amy Raker, (fundraising), at 779-2015.

Soccer South Apparel

SSSC T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

Based on requests from the membership, starting this season, SSSC will once again be selling club t-shirts and sweatshirts. A small inventory will be kept in the concessions stand for immediate purchase, but if items are unavailable, they can be ordered and will be available at the concessions stand within 1 - 2 weeks.

The t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available in White or Gray with a Navy Blue full-sized SSSC chest logo or Navy Blue with a White full-sized SSSC chest logo. Both crewneck and hooded sweatshirts will be available.

Prices:

T-shirts - \$10 for Youth Sizes; \$10 for Adult XS - XL; \$12.00 for Adult 2XL - 4XL
Crewneck - \$13 for Youth Sizes; \$15 for Adult XS - XL; \$17.00 for Adult 2XL - 4XL
Hoodies - \$18 for Youth Sizes; \$21 for Adult XS - XL; \$23.00 for Adult 2XL - 4XL

Names and numbers can also be added to any merchandise for an extra charge. Adding a name will cost \$4.00 and adding a number will cost \$3.00. If you choose to add both a name and number, the cost will only be \$6.00, giving you a savings of \$1.00.

Please support the club by purchasing some of these items and showing your SSSC pride.

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SOCCER SOUTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Mike Vilez	287-4307
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Fields	Open	
Concessions	Open	

www.SoccerSouthDsm.org

JFG Tournament – Need Volunteers!!



We are again hosting the JFG tournament for the DSM Menace this coming season. We are hosting the event the weekend of April 25-26th, so we will be looking for help on Saturday and then ½ day on Sunday for that weekend. Please contact Mike Vilez @ 287-4307, if you are willing and able to help out in our concession stand.

We appreciate everyone's willingness to help.

Treat Tickets @ Concession Stand

Don't forget that the concession stand does have treat tickets that can be purchased. Each ticket costs .50, and has a return value of .75. This is a great thing parents and or coaches can use to hand out to the players after a game for treats.

No Pets Please!!

Please remember that the Soccer South Complex has a "No Pet Policy". Anyone who brings a pet to games or practices will be asked to take their pet to their vehicle, or back home. We realize that many members have pets that are very special members of their family, but regardless of their importance, they are not allowed at the Soccer Complex. Thanks for understanding!