

OP EAGLES NEWSLETTER



Ohio Premier
Eagles
Soccer Club
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President's Message

Mike Zazon

I am very proud to announce our new organization that now includes a full spectrum of boys programming to match our long tradition of girl's teams. Of course, by now you know this is a result of our joining forces with the Upper Arlington Eagles. A big welcome goes out to all of the players on our new boys and girls teams, parents, and all of the new coaches who have made a commitment to training these teams. I also want to welcome Willie Gage back to our club. As you may know, Willie gained some valuable experience coaching at the college level with North Carolina Charlotte and University of Kentucky women's programs. It is

great to have Willie back.

It has been quite a spring season for our clubs. We have laid claim on two more State Cup titles courtesy of the OP girls U14 and U19 Green Teams. The Eagles Boys U17 team also won a State Cup title. Since we started competing for State Cup titles, this makes a total of 31 for OP and 15 for the Eagles. That is quite an accomplishment for both clubs as we come together! Special thanks go to all of the parents for their support, the players for their skill, and to our entire staff of coaches who all work so hard to lay the foundation of dedication, desire, and teamwork. Congratulations to all the teams who won tournaments and league champion-

ships this spring! We have had great success!

Lastly, if you have not heard or seen our website recently, we are opening up our new state of the art indoor facility that will easily house all of the necessary programming for our entire boys and girls teams. It is located right around the corner from Darree Fields and in addition to a big field house for our main training, we will have a smaller building for futsal and smaller side gaming. This location will also have up to four pods for outdoor training. It is quite a complex that all of our boys and girls teams will be the benefit from.

I hope you all have a great summer with your families and see you in the fall!

OP EXPO — Saturday!!!

Just a reminder that the registration expo will be held this Saturday, June 27 from 8:30am – 1:00pm at Jerome High School in the commons area. We will be collecting carding materials and selling new OP EAGLES apparel. There will be fundraising information available as well as information from our partner, OSU Sports

Medicine. Please note that this will also be the FINAL OPPORTUNITY for you to order your player's uniform so please make plans to attend. If you can not attend the registration event, please be sure to mail your registration materials to OP Eagles, PO Box 56, Dublin, OH 43017 and your uniform order form

(available on our website), to Kathy Schlemitz, 5502 Heatherwood Court, Dublin, OH 43017. INFORMATION REGARDING CARDING MATERIALS IS AVAILABLE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.OPSOCCER.COM.

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Director of Coaching Report

Chris King, Director of Coaching

The Directors of Coaching wanted to take this opportunity to WELCOME everyone to the 'NEW' OP Eagles Soccer Club. These are exciting times for the club, families and most importantly our players!

We had three teams representing our club at the Midwest Region II Championships. The boys U17 team went 2-1 and narrowly missed advancing to the Regional Semi-Final. The girls U19 team went 1-2 and competed very hard with lots of adversity. The U14 girls green team went 4-1 with their only loss being to Eclipse Select in the Regional Final in PK's. We are very proud of all three of these

teams and their accomplishments!

Our staff has doubled in size and is eagerly preparing for the fall season. The entire staff and their bios will be posted on the OP Eagles website in the next several weeks. Please make yourself familiar with the staff and be sure to introduce yourself.

The club is also very excited about our new indoor/outdoor training facility. Soon we will be able to provide year round training to all our players. This is something no other club in Central Ohio can provide. More details to follow....so stay tuned.

Our WPSL women's team is off to a 3-0 start and has positioned themselves for a play-off run. This team consists of many current and former OP players, many of whom have played college soccer. The team has several home games left, so please go out and support these girls in their play-off run.

On behalf of myself and the entire OP Eagles staff, have a great summer and we'll see you on the field this fall!

Chris King
Kevin Dougherty
Becky Broering
Andrew Kessinger
Chris Duff

OP Invitational — Just around the corner

Ruth Rudibaugh

OP INVITATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 19TH AND 20TH. The OP Invitational committee is busy planning the 11th annual soccer tournament. This is the Club's major fundraiser and we encourage everyone to get involved. We are very excited about the addition of young men this year as well as hosting our tournament at multiple sites due to our growth. At this time, games will

be played at Darree and Spindler parks.

We will have a fundraising advertising campaign available for those of you that would like to sell field signage, etc. to offset your fees. Look for information available at the OP expo on June 27th.

Also, I would like to put out a request for anyone that may have

contacts to contribute the following Invitational needs: cardboard trash boxes, recycle bins, snacks/food/water for concessions and referees, paper products and hand sanitizer. Please contact Ruth Rudibaugh at admin@opsoccer.com or Mindy Long at mindylong@sbcglobal.net if you have a donation or any other suggestions to help with the success of our tournament.

Calling all Referees

Calling all OFFICIALS!! If you, one of your children or friends are certified referees, we encourage you to fill out an application to officiate at our tournament. Applications can be found at www.opsoccer.com, click on TOURNAMENTS link and scroll down the center of the page for info.

Message from Ruth Welcome OP Eagles Families!

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
REMINDER: If you have not already paid your deposit, please do so immediately. Your player's spot is not secure until we receive your deposit. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact me at admin@opsoccer.com. Please refer to the tryout information link if you need a copy of the fee payment schedule.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all again for being so patient while we get everything organized from an administrative standpoint.

Our growth is extremely exciting yet demanding on all of us. We are looking forward to a very successful 2009-10 season. Enjoy your summer! We'll be back on the pitch before you know it!

Uniform Coordinator Report

Kathy Schlemitz

We are off to a GREAT 2009-10 soccer season. I would like to thank all of the volunteers for the past two uniform try-on sessions. They were very well attended. I appreciate everyone's patience waiting in those lines I have yet to figure out how to shorten.

Our last uniform try-on date is June 27 at the OP Eagles Expo. Starting June 28, there will be a \$10 late fee assessed to each late order, as well as no guarantees on receiving uniforms in time for first game.

If you have not picked up your 2 training t-shirts for the 2009 season, you can purchase them at the Expo

for \$10 each. If you have already purchased t-shirts but not yet received them (due to mailing in order to me) then you can also pickup at Expo, or contact me, kschlemi@columbus.rr.com, and we can arrange pickup.

REMINDER: New training shirts are to be worn at all training sessions.

Please take a minute to read the uniform policies located on the OP Eagles website, www.opsoccer.com. Every year we have the number debate. This is one of the reasons our policies were put in place. OP Eagles also provides

guest player uniforms for players joining teams for a game or two. These guest uniforms are numbered in the 20's and above hence the policy of GK being 0, 1, 00, 01 and field players 2-19, unless 22 are on the roster for a team.

At the OP Eagles Expo, I will have OP sweatpants at reduced pricing, as well as OP hats and other misc. items. I will also have OP Eagles hats and forms to order sweatshirts.

If anyone has any questions regarding uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact me at kschlemi@columbus.rr.com.

Fundraising Committee Report

Pat Shively

With the recent addition of the Eagles to the OP Family, the demographics and number of members in our club provide us with some very good Sponsorships, Corporate Partnerships, and Fundraising opportunities. We understand the strain the economy has put on everyone, and it is this board's intent to help all and any who need help with the opportunity of raising money to help offset participation fees, uniform costs, and or travel.

With this said we have many exciting Fundraising Opportunities coming to help each member of our club earn dollars towards participation fees. In the near future we will be introducing the following:

1. Car Wash Token Program providing Car Wash Tokens to be used at 15 conveniently located Car Washes in the Central Ohio Area.
2. Visa Card, which will provide the user a percentage back on any purchase, made on the card.

3. Rewards Loyalty Merchant card, which will provide the user a percentage contribution back to the member of all/any purchases.

As we move forward, any volunteers who would be willing to help in the organization and implementation of these programs please contact Pat Shively at, PatShively@aol.com or call 614-402-5664. Thanks and Go OP Eagles!!!!

WPSL Team

The Ohio Premier WPSL team is now 3-0. They are in first place in the Midwest Division, having two shut-outs while in Chicago (3-0 and 2-0) and winning 2-1 in their home opener against Carmel.

The next home game is July 8th at 6pm at Dublin Scioto High School.

Hope to see you all there!

State Cup 2009

We had three teams win their respective State Cup games and advance to the regionals. The OP girls U14 and U19 teams and the Eagles boys U17 teams played this past weekend in South Dakota.

The OP U14 girls team advanced

to the finals at regionals and made a great run. They played in the Regional finals Wednesday morning against the Eclipse. Our girls played very well and were in control, but the score was tied 0-0 after regulation and OT. Eclipse advanced to the finals on penalty kicks 4-2.

Volunteers Needed for Indoor Facility

As we have announced, we are actively working on our new Training Facility at 7450 State Route 161 near Cosgray Rd. The Training Facility consists of two indoor buildings; one is 9,000 sq ft (the brown building closest to St Rt 161) which will be equipped to be used as a futsal training facility. The larger white building in rear of site, which is approximately 30,000 sq ft, will be equipped with new indoor turf to provide a full size indoor soccer facility. In addition to the indoor facility, we are developing outdoor practice pitches in which we

need help with excavation, fill, over seeding, fertilization, mowing, and labor to prepare the fields for usage in the fall.

To accomplish this we are asking for volunteers to help with the following:

1. Fundraising for the new turf fields as well as updating the buildings
2. Construction and remodeling of facility
3. Maintenance/Lawn Maintenance of the facility
4. Labor -- to do misc. lawn and general maintenance to include painting, etc. of interior

If anyone is interested in helping with fundraising or remodeling, please contact:

Pat Shively
patshively@aol.com
614-402-5664

If anyone is interested in helping with maintaining the lawn or general maintenance of the building, please contact:

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One of the buildings at the new Indoor facility

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COUNTRY - THE OP EAGLES"*

The club provides a positive environment for competitive soccer players of all ability and skill levels, ages 4 and above. Our mission is to promote the personal development of each player and help them reach their full potential, both on and off the field with a focus on discipline, determination, dedication and teamwork, while nurturing a passion for the game of soccer.

The club strives to attain a national reputation as one of the premier soccer clubs in the country. We recognize that not all players' life priorities will be soccer. As such, we make every effort for our club environment to act as a platform and tool that can assist in the development of the individual to succeed in whatever walk of life they choose.