



Spring 2004 Kick-off

Outside the Fence

Long before the first soccer game was played at Turkey Brook, the Mount Olive Soccer Club had to tackle many issues. One of the most difficult issues revolved around the question: where will fans watch the game? The MOSC Board of Directors took into consideration the field design and consulted the coaches and the Parks & Grounds Department before making a decision. In the final analysis having the fans watch the games or the training sessions from the other side of the fence serves many pur-

poses. The wear & tear on the sidelines/fields is greatly reduced. The amount of trash left on the sidelines/fields is greatly reduced. The players are not distracted and are focused on their game. Many players, when asked, prefer a buffer zone. The chance of fan confrontation is reduced. Fans are not running up and down the sideline shouting instructions. The referees are focused on the game and not on the parents who sit "on" the sideline stripe. At the K & Pre K instructional level, the trainers

and coaches are able to keep track of the kids and the kids respond to the trainers. The Tot Lot playground is placed on the high ground and not visible from the playing surfaces. Utilizing the Turkey Brook facility has required all of us in the club to change the way we watch our children play. Given the number of children, (over 900 this spring), the demand for field space, and the reasons stated above everyone is better served with the fans outside the fence.

The President's Corner

Dear Fellow MOSC members,

Welcome to President's corner!! I hope you are all enjoying this seasons' competition. I am proud to say that this spring we have the largest registration ever experienced by the MOSC. Well over 800 children are now enjoying our program. Let me pass on a heartfelt thanks to The MOSC Board, Committee members, Division Directors, Coaches and Team Parents, for making it all possible. A

special thank-you is in order for Marianne Neeb who handled this year's onslaught of registrations. With that being said, it brings me to the subject of this edition of President's Corner. VOLUNTEERISM!!!! To put it simply we are in dire need of additional help in many facets of our club. As you may have noticed we just completed the purchase of a new concession stand to serve the needs of our members. (Kudos to Harry Browne

on his efforts to bring this to fruition.)

The opening of this stand will not only add to the convenience of our members but will also help to keep the costs of club operations and registration in check. Next on the agenda is to outfit the stand with refrigeration, hot dog rollers, popcorn makers, counter

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Special Dates to note in 2004

- May 23—Division 1 Travel Season Ends
- May 29-30—No Instructional/Travel Games
- June 3—Mandatory Coaches Meeting
- June 19—Instructional Season Ends
- June 20—Travel League Season Ends

President's Corner (continued)

tops, plumbing etc. Anyone having contacts or expertise in these areas should contact Harry Browne via e-mail at Soccerclubhelp@aol.com. After that task is completed we will then of course have to staff the concession on Saturdays and Sundays during our Instructional and Travel games. We are in need of a **CONCESSION STAND COORDINATOR** to take on the purchasing and scheduling responsibilities, as well as volunteers on the staffing level. This is an excellent opportunity for those of you who cannot assist on a coaching level to get involved and to lend a hand to the club.

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those of you who cannot assist on a coaching level to get involved and to lend a hand to the club.

Simply stated, without additional volunteers on many club levels the club will not be able to continue to offer the high standard of competition and efficiency that you, our members, have come to expect. Presently we have a core group of 20 or so volunteers who consistently take on 95% of the work required to run an organization of our size. With over 800 children playing I estimate there has to be a pool of at least 1200 parents, guardians, etc. who could and should be stepping up and lending a hand. Your commitment need not be long term.

A few hours here and there would be a great help. We would like to establish a list of "will call" volunteers that we can draw upon when the need arises. Once again I implore you to e-mail us at Soccerclubhelp@aol.com and leave us your phone # so we can be in touch. The concession stand is only one of many positions that need to be filled. Other positions include: Manager of Public Relations, Volunteer Coordinator, Picture Coordinator, Division Directors, Coaches and Field Maintenance Help. Please get in touch and step up for the benefit of the kids and the club in general. **Regards, Hank Patterson, President MOSC**

Halloween Classic Committee Members Needed

Next fall in October we will be hosting our 11th Annual Halloween Classic Soccer Tournament. We are planning on forming a Tournament Committee to begin the initial plans for this great annual event shortly. If you are able to help out please contact Harry Browne at MOSC.Tournament@aol.com for more information.



Commerce Bank Affinity Program

We are pleased to announce that we just recently received our first affinity partnership check from **Commerce Bank®** for just under \$1,200.00, which will be used for investing in our club and children. The program is designed to link our member bank accounts with that of the club and receive a donation based upon the assets associated with it. The Mount Olive Soccer Club does not receive any of the financial information of the members and periodically receives a "gross amount" update only. Pres-

ently, we have over 50 accounts linked with that of the clubs and more are welcome. All you need to do is go into any **Commerce Bank®** branch and inform them that you would like to link your present or new account with that of the Mount Olive Soccer Club (Commerce Code AV) and that is it. If you have more questions pertaining to this program please contact Harry Browne via email at IrishEyesEyewear@aol.com and he will be glad to assist you.



Referees needed for Instructional Program

For the more experienced participants in MOSC Recreation and Travel programs, here is an opportunity to earn a little spending money for the coming off-season. The MOSC is looking for children, ages 11 and older, who have or are participating in our programs to be Instructional League referees. The requirements are as follows:

- You must have a good understanding of the laws of soccer, including offsides.

- You must be available Saturday to work either two or three game sets, which generally start between 8:30 AM

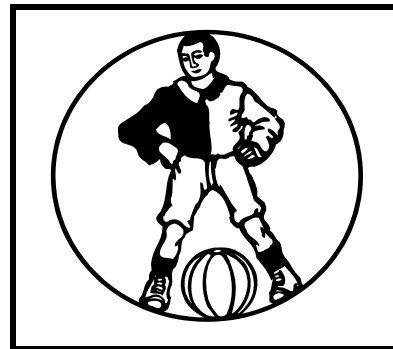
and 9:30 AM and end, depending on the number of games, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

While not restricted to "Travel" players, most of our referees play in our Travel division, which helps them in learning to referee games. Their playing experience usually translates well into having a good understanding of the laws of soccer.

Referees earn \$10/game for Division 6 (1st and 2nd grade) and Division 5 (3rd, 4th and 5th grade). Division 4 (6th, 7th and 8th grade) requires more experi-

enced candidates and pays \$15.00/game.

Please contact Pat Keegan via e-mail through the website as soon as possible if you are interested.



Concession Stand

The Mount Olive Soccer Club recently installed a concession stand located conveniently at the intersection of all four fields at Turkey Brook. Although not operational at the present time the club is working hard to have the stand opened and serving you by the fall season. Has this happened to you? You look up at the clock and you are running late. You gather up the

kids, making sure you have the shin guards, cleats and car keys. Halfway to the fields you realize your child's water bottle is sitting on the counter next to your traveling coffee mug. Your choices in the past were 1, go without or 2, return home. Very soon, your third choice, the concession stand will be stocked with hot & cold beverages, food and snacks.

Your help is crucial to the success of this endeavor. Every parent in the club has experience serving food, especially while completing two other tasks simultaneously. If you can pour coffee we are asking you to please consider volunteering your time and expertise. Refer to our website at www.mountolivesoccer.com or e-mail us at soccerclubhelp@aol.com.

USA Training

Professional training is available to all players at the instructional level. Currently the United Soccer Academy provides training sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The Wednesday and Thursday sessions are available to those coaching 1st grade and higher. The focus is on proper technique. USA's goal is to ignite interest in players and

develop their individual skills.

The Saturday session is geared exclusively for the Kindergarten and Pre-K (spring season only) age. Again, USA provides a fun filled environment where the players learn the fundamentals of soccer through a program of structured activities and fun games.

The club encourages the coaches to

utilize USA's expertise and we welcome feedback from the kids as well as the parents. Your comments can be directed to Fred Phillips at fred0502@optonline.net



From the Deck of the Vice President of Play

Now that the season is underway and the kids are finally kicking the ball and having fun I would like to acknowledge some folks that have been working diligently behind the scenes in order to make it all happen. And on behalf of the Board of Directors we would like to thank them for their tireless efforts:

Marianne Neeb

Registrar
Jamie Galdi
Pre-K Director
Bill Lockwood
Kindergarten (Div 7 Director)
Marc Cicalese
Div 6 Girls Director
Chris Newman
Div 6 Boys Director
Darryl Eppel
Div 5 Boys Director
Don Verducci
Div 5 Girls Director
Don Neeb
Travel Director/Field Maintenance
Rick Tessier
Equipment Manager

This Spring season has brought a record number children to our program and at the moment we have over 630 children enjoying the Instructional program and another 300 or so children playing on our Travel teams (20). As we approach 1,000 children benefiting from the program each season, it does leave many challenges ahead of us but with a dedicated membership (that would be you) those challenges can be met. We would appreciate your consideration when we come calling for help. HELP! We encourage everyone to please check our website for contacts and to see if we have any immediate needs. www.mountolivesoccer.com.

A few things that we would like you to keep in mind as you enjoy watching your children play their games and practices over the weekend as we would appreciate everyone's cooperation. The Mount Olive Soccer Club has embraced a program called S.A.G.E (Set A Good Example) as have many of the soccer communities throughout NJ. The acronym speaks for itself but the program is a simple conduct reminder to Coaches and Parents that they should be doing just that ...S.A.G.E.

At the ITC fields, please no parking at the Cemetery, no smoking, and no dogs. While visiting the Turkey Brook fields please keep in mind ... there is absolutely No Parking on the loop road. This has presented an extremely dangerous situation where kids are darting out from behind cars parked along the road and the cars coming up the road can not see the kids. A town ordinance is shortly forthcoming so that police officers can ticket those cars that are parked along the road. So ... SLOW and SLOWER would be also be helpful and save lives. Parents should remain outside of the fences of the playing fields. Parents should have a better view of your children from the embankment and it will help the wear and tear of the fields so the players are at less risk of an injury. And as you leave the fields we would appreciate that you look to see if you've left something behind so that Club volunteers and town employees can better spend their valuable time.

Small Sided Program

The Mt Olive Soccer Club is com-

mitted to and has joined the youth soccer movement for Small Sided play. The program essentially reduces the field sizes and number of players on the field at one time and is being phased in at the younger age groups, currently at the Div 7/ Kindergarten and Pre-K Divisions 4 versus 4 with no goalies. The field size was split in half and teams split in two for the game portion of the day. The general idea that is being supported is the benefits to the development of the individual player by getting more touches on the ball. Touches on the ball plays an important role for the player development as well as enhances a fun environment for the player. A small sided program affords greater opportunities for a player to be involved in the play and increases players' opportunity for touches tenfold. We will be speaking more about this in our next Newsletter, so stay tuned as we continue to phase that program in. Fall 2004 we will be implementing small sided games at the Div 6 (1st & 2nd graders). Stay tuned for more information on this. Also, be sure to ask your coach about the professional training opportunities for your team.

Yours in soccer,

Matt Crowley
Vice President of Play

Goal Anchors

Coaches are reminded that is their responsibility to double check goals prior to the start of both practices and games at all fields. This especially applies to those teams playing at Turkey Brook Park where the wind is usually on the strong side and the potential for goals being blown over is extremely high. Inside the new storage shed (by the restrooms) are additional "J" hooks and "screw-in" anchors (for use on TB 4) for coaches to obtain if the existing ones are missing. Coaches are asked to

hang on the inside of the fence those goal anchors for goals not being used and that unused goals be flipped over to prevent them from being blown over while not in use.

While it has been recently requested that coaches refrain from training inside goal mouths (due to potential for field burn-out) at Turkey Brook during practice sessions, a habit of moving goals infield for short sided drills has developed and those goals need to be re-anchored prior to use and the



Tot-Lot Parking Area at TBP

Parents & Coaches are asked to make certain that they only park on the gravel areas inside the tot-lot parking area.

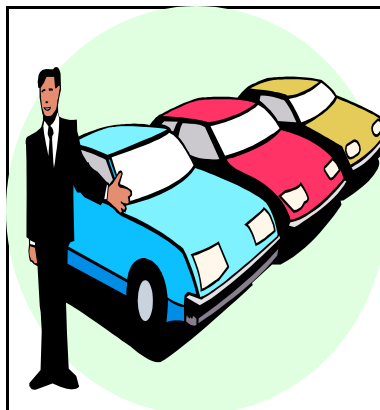
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ANY GRASS AREAS AT TURKEY BROOK PARK.

In the coming weeks, vehicles parked on the grass or found exiting the tot-lot area via the baseball side of the lot, will be subject to ticketing and towing by the police department. Exiting the tot-lot area by going towards the baseball fields is strictly forbidden and is both a dangerous situation and damaging to the park.

There are plenty of lined parking spaces in the primary lot # 1 for both soccer and baseball attendees. While some parents may not enjoy viewing the games on

cold or rainy days from the sidelines, parking on the grass or road along the side of the loop is also not permitted.

If the kids are able to play during these conditions in shorts and T-shirts, we as attendees should be able to "tough it out" by bringing blankets and rain gear. So please park in the proper areas.



Please do not park on any grass areas a Turkey Brook Park. Vehicles will be subject to ticketing and towing by the Mt. Olive Police. Save our beautiful park and protect our kids!



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Volunteers Needed !!

No Experience Necessary

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questions or comments*

MOSC is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization providing soccer instruction and competition for over 900 children in Mount Olive and surrounding communities in both Fall and Spring Seasons. The club is divided into a Travel Program for boys and girls ages 8 and up and an Instructional Program for boys and girls ages 5-13. A 9 member Board of Directors, and a large group of dedicated managers coordinate the activities of the MOSC.

Players Code of Conduct

The Mount Olive Soccer Club's Player's Code of Conduct is simple;

- **Play Hard.** Playing hard doesn't mean playing dirty or cheating. Give games and practices your best effort. You should always try your hardest and try not to let your team down. No one's perfect, though, so don't worry if you make mistakes. Just try again next time.
- **Play Fair.** Don't cheat. Don't be a sore loser. Be a good winner. Remember, when you lose, you don't like the other team teasing you.
- **Show Respect.** Your coaches and parents give up a lot to run the team and to let you play soccer. Be cooperative, pay attention, do what they ask you to, and be helpful. That way, everyone will have a better time. Show respect

Equipment Shed, Concession Stand and Timed-Control Restroom Locks

We are proud to inform our members that we recently installed 2 new structures for club use at Turkey Brook Park. One structure will be used as a **master storage area** and is a 12 x 16 shed like building with a garage like pull down door and will be used for intermittent storage and supplies of player equipment. The other structure is a 12 x 30 building and is located by the restrooms. One side of the structure will be used as our future **concession stand** and the other side is being used as our **coach's supply area**. Coach's have been already been given the access code number by their division directors and we appreciate them making sure they lock if after each use.

Both buildings were installed by Ace Hardware, Budd Lake and were color matched according to the color scheme as required by the park designers right down to the roof shingle color, which were supplied by Bradco Supply. This project was

managed by Harry Browne (thanks Harry!) and the concession stand was installed on the town approved building pad that the club authorized installation of last spring and will feature electrical and running water when officially opened after we finish retrofitting the structure and obtaining a concession stand manager which will be needed. Anyone with electrical and plumbing experience is asked to help out during this upgrading.

Many of you have noticed this season that the restrooms are open for use. Just prior to the spring season opening game, we had installed at the restrooms **timed controlled door locks**. These door locks will be opened daily by the park department each day and on Saturdays will be opened by MOSC. Then on Sundays, they will be opened again (while being serviced) by the park department. These electronically controlled door locks were installed by Kurt's Lock-

smith in Chester via funds donated by both Mount Olive Park Partners in association with the Mount Olive Soccer Club. The doors will automatically be timed locked at sunset for protection and will permit exit only during this time. Parents are encouraged to escort children to and from these facilities for safety since there is no attendant on site during the day.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye ... Calling All Volunteers!

We are constantly looking for club members to help out with the many tasks associated with the operational aspects of running this great club for our kids. Many members think that it's only about coaching soccer but truthfully, there are many other aspects to the running of and managing the numerous events and happenings going on all the time while the kids learn and play. If you are able (even for only an hour or so) to help out with these items please contact us via email at soccerclubhelp@aol.com and we will get back to you.

Spirit wear sale update

We held our annual Spirit Wear sale on 4/17 and 4/24. Sales were successful and we raised approximately \$2000 for the club. The ordered items should be available for pick up either Sat 5/15 or 5/22. Anyone who ordered items will be notified as to where and when pick up will be.

Of course, the sale could not have been so successful without the help of our volunteers. A special **thank you** goes out to those that helped with both the Spirit Wear sale and Pictures:

Joanne Chernack
Pat Hartt
Becky Hammond
MaryBeth Feeney
Greg Beck
Laura Szwak
Julie Talanca
Rosemary Norton
Michael Van Glahn

