



Kent Youth Soccer Association 2009 Year in Review Newsletter

Serving those surrounding communities located within the Kent School District since 1977

This past year was a busy one for KYSA and 2010 should be even busier. In 2009, KYSA continued to build strong relationships with the organizations we share our community with.

KING COUNTY

Working with King County we hope to begin the construction phases of putting a synthetic surface on one of the fields at Petrovitsky park. The funding is secured. This will potentially save KYSA tens of thousands of dollars over the next ten years. We are still working on the details and looking for additional ways to fund the second field.

The North Green River project (The Pea Patch) is also up for a possible 30 year lease now that the decision was made to keep the park open. This will allow KYSA to work with the county in the future to improve the land to better house our grass fields. This includes watering possibilities and leveling out the surface. This has the potential to save KYSA thousands of dollars. While working out the details, we have suspended our normal maintenance of the fields over the winter months saving another \$6,000.

COVINGTON

We continue to work with the city of Covington on their project near Tahoma High school. There are also a couple of other projects in the Covington area that may provide field opportunities in the coming years. Look to the KYSA website for future details. They have been great partners for KYSA. A big thank you to Covington Parks Director Scott Thomas who has been a great resource and continues to keep KYSA involved.

KENT

We are also working with the city of Kent hopeful that they will be able to make progress on the improvement of the fields behind Kent Meridian High School. Parks Director Jeff Watling has been a strong partner this past year. We look forward to continuing what we have built on this past year.

Kent School District

I have attended a few meetings with Kent schools to see what we can do to also assist in improving field conditions at the 40 local schools. One thing we have already moved forward on with KSD is the **Field Improvement Project**. This past fall the Kent United coaches and KYSA were able to rehabilitate the Meridian Middle School soccer fields and we are looking forward to tackling our next project with the district.

KYSA as part of it's **Kent School Initiative** last year provided a pair of Sounders FC tickets to every elementary and middle school in the district to be used as educational incentives. The response back from the schools was truly amazing.

With the Sounders FC providing us a pair of tickets to raffle off, and with the proceeds from the KYSA-Sounders FC night ticket sales, we were able to continue this great program for 2010.

I would also like to thank Sounders FC Steve King for offering his services during the KYSA-KSD Community night at French Field. Over 200 kids showed up for autographs and information on KYSA, while Dos GU95 and Kent United teams ran drills and visited with the younger kids.

We also would like to thank the Women's Sounders for the assemblies put on in the local schools.

A special thank you to the wonderful students at Kent Elementary that sent in thank you letters for the soccer balls we were able to donate. KYSA was able to donate balls to a dozen schools.

We are lucky to also have Kent Elementary selected as part of WYS's Community in Schools program. Over 100 students wanted to take part in the free after school program.

Kent Parks and Covington Community Sports

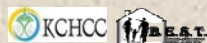
I have attended meetings with our surrounding Parks programs; Covington Community Sports and Kent Parks and Recreation over this past year and things are going well. We currently offer their web links on our web-page for those people looking for other sports options and for those looking for a parks soccer program.

The partnership has great potential for those trying to choose soccer options. The KYSA Mod/Rec programs have already shown there is an interest as hundreds of kids who played a fall sport, but want to also play spring soccer have signed up for the coming season.

Important Dates

KYSA AGM, Feb 10th, 6:30pm
Meeker Middle School

KCHCC B.E.S.T Conference
Feb 10, 9 am, Kent Meridian
Performing Arts Center



April 10th, begins KYSA's
34th year of playing soccer
for Spring Mod and Spring
Recreational leagues

Tryouts for older boys begin
in March and for all others
April and May, check KYSA
website for details

Kent Board Meeting
February 16th, 7:00 pm

Covington Board Meeting
February 23rd, 7:00 pm

King County Board Meeting
Mondays at 11:00 am

Kent School Board Meeting
February 10th, 7:00 pm

Visit the website at:
KYSA.org

New KYSA Logo Ideas





What can I do to help

personally?

- ⇒ Contact a board member directly to see if they could use your help
- ⇒ Look for opportunities within the community that KYSA can help support
- ⇒ Offer to help translate documents and procedures for parents and players
- ⇒ Become a representative for KYSA within our community and schools by helping put out flyers, and signs during registration, or coordinating representation at school nights.
- ⇒ Be a project organizer for things like field maintenance programs
- ⇒ Bring your expertise to KYSA. Let us know what you can do and how it can help
- ⇒ Take on the fantastic task of Fund Development Coordinator and help KYSA reduce expense to members and open up opportunities for those who can't even afford the smallest registration fees.

What can I do to help financially

- ⇒ Direct your United Way contributions to KYSA

- ⇒ Direct your Albertson's Club card rewards to KYSA

- ⇒ Direct your company match for your volunteer time to KYSA
- ⇒ Contribute a tax deductible donation to KYSA
- ⇒ Sponsor a team or a player in the KYSA scholarship fund
- ⇒ Contribute to the schools initiative fund, the equipment fund, or the field fund
- ⇒ Search out ways to reduce expenses for KYSA and players

We look forward to building on this partnership as we move away from looking at each other as competitors, and instead focusing on getting kids to play sports. I encourage you to visit their website and see what other offerings they have.

Thank You

Joe Radosevic for stepping in to work on organizing our field scheduling processes this past year. He was able to find field areas that KYSA had been financially inefficient in for years, and was able to work with Kent schools and parks programs to secure several practice facilities we have not had access to in the past.

Don Pennington for working with the Parks programs to assist kids moving into recreational soccer at the U11 ages and up. For the second year in a row, his efforts continues to grow a segment of youth soccer that is soccer in it's purest form; a ball, a patch of dirt, some kids, and a lot of smiles.

I am excited that our Mod program continues to develop and grow each year. We are faced with an amazing list of opportunities coming this year from improved training for players and coaches, expansion of our developmental model, and new looks for creating a nontraditional segment for those kids not normally playing for KYSA or the parks programs.

I want to thank the **Kent United coaches** for working hard to form what is a real family feeling amongst the parents and coaches.

I would be remiss to also not thank the other board members who have worked to get kids on the field playing; **Carol Lopez, Laura Kerr, Denise Wagner, Craig & Jill Fuller, Chrissy & Chris Tetlow, Heather Moore, Scott Hatfield, and the many, many coaches and volunteers that rolled out of bed on a cold rainy Saturday to put up a net, line a field, or step in to make sure what wasn't being done got done.**

2010

For 2010 KYSA will continue to improve in our financial areas. At the state fee Meeting in January, I requested from WYS improved structure to assist the volunteers that serve as treasurers, and starting in March that is going to happen. We currently will finish the year with sufficient funds to operate KYSA in the black for 2010, as well as, continue to fund those community projects that support the neighborhoods our families live in.

Starting in March KYSA will also seriously review our fee structure to identify, as I said last year, a way to hold firm or reduce fees when possible. We already have some ideas for spring 2011.

On the administrative front, KYSA has also worked with District 3 and WYS on an overdue bylaw replacement for KYSA that will allow KYSA to function more fluidly.

The hope is also to implement a better way for parents and coaches to express ideas and questions through surveys, public forums, etc. to improve KYSA when it needs change.

The state is still working on the matter of a premier league format that includes a clear process for coaches, parents and players on what a Premier League really is. I know that a lot of effort has taken place and a lot of work still lies ahead. KYSA has been as active in these discussions as it can be. Your voice is being heard at the state level.

A final thank you to all those parents and players who took to the council meetings of Covington and Kent to speak out on the need for improved fields in our communities. Please keep involved and attend and speak out when you can. It does make a difference. Your voice was heard.

We are also planning advancement in the areas of getting non-traditional players involved. KYSA has begun to reach out to our many community partners to see where we can help. I have personally attended meetings, brunches, lunches, and dinners to discuss how a simple thing like KYSA can actually effect change in our neighborhoods. Drop a line to KYSA and share an idea or get involved.

We anticipate technology updates for our website, registration, and communication to parents.

We are also looking at the need for parents willing to translate or assist in registration needs. KYSA is seeing an increase in English as a second language players and is looking for ways to assist these players in making the transition to KYSA as easy as possible. If interested in helping please contact a member of the board.

Please come out to the AGM on Wednesday and support KYSA. I encourage you to join in the election process for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, MAR, 2nd VP Admin, and VP Comp.

[Wayne Jensen, President](#)

President	Wayne Jensen
Secretary	Chrissy Tetlow
Treasurer	Laura Kerr
1st VP Admin/Registrar	Jill Fuller
2nd VP Admin/PR	Denise Wagner
VP Comp	Carol Lopez
VP Development	Craig Fuller
Mod Director	Nicole Jensen
Rec Director	Don Pennington
District 3 MAR	Heather Moore
Field Director	Chris Tetlow
<u>Non-Voting Member Volunteers</u>	
Referee Assignor	Scott Hatfield
Field Coordinator	Joe Radosevic
Fund Development	VACANT
Dos FC Board Rep	Terri McDermott
SCFC Board Rep	Mike Coughlin

Kent Youth Soccer Association is a non-profit community focused youth sports organization. We have served the greater Covington-Kent areas of the Kent school district since 1977. We are a volunteer unpaid board serving a Modified Program of 4-9 year olds, A recreational Program of 10-18 year olds, and a select, premier program serving 9 to 18 year olds. We are part of District 3, under Washington Youth Soccer, as part of Region IV of the US Youth Soccer program, who falls under USSF nationally.

Come Play with Us!

KYSA.org



Merger Talk

There is a lot of talk these days about associations and clubs merging parts of their operations. KYSA is no different than other groups. Over the past two years we have been approached and talked with Maple Valley, Auburn, Federal Way, and Renton about various ways to share parts of or all of our programs. Before KYSA would enter into any mutual agreement that would effect your team and child, public forums would take place for input, and no decision would be made without a public vote. I want to make clear, KYSA is not involved in any current merger talks with anyone. We will continue to have a shared U9/U10 league with our surrounding neighbors as we have had for the past few years. Realize, players and coaches may switch associations every year as they feel it helps them achieve their goals; some come to KYSA while others leave.



We have continued to discuss continued work on the Teams Without Borders concept that allows teams to form with players from a variety of associations if they are unable to form a team within their own association. The working associations then allow the team access to fields in all associations to ensure that kids who want to play can play and things like boundaries do not interfere. We had some success with this last year, and hope to continue to improve on this in 2010. No egos, no empire building, not fights for ownership, just getting the teams formed and kids on the field.

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