

Digby Area Soccer Association

Newsletter

April 2010



President's Report

2009 was another good year for the DASA. Teams from U-8 to U-18 played in the Valley League. The U14 girls won the Valley Kick-Off Tournament and went to the semis' in the Valleys District Play downs for a top 4 finish – excellent result. The U-18 ladies won the valley championship again and went to provincials in East Hants where they lost in the championship game in penalty kicks. The silver medals were a first for DASA and the ladies were great ambassadors for the Digby area.

We had 224 players registered for the 2009 season. On the positive side our player numbers for U-4 and U-6 were very good, while the U-8 was low as well as the U-14, U-16 and U-18 boys. Our U-14 boys were moved up to play with the U-16 boys in order to have enough players for a team. This was not the best situation but Coach Terry Farris did a good job sharing field times between the players and everyone got to play, starting in 2010, we may have to join teams with Annapolis at some levels, if the details can be worked out. Having first year U-14 players playing against U-16 players who are almost 4 years older than them is not the best situation for gaining confidence as a soccer player.

On the coaching side in 2009 we made some progress encouraging parents of U-6 players to take to the field with their kids as volunteer coaches. Also, several of our U-16 and U-18 players came out to help with the mini programs. Providing good certified coaches is one of the most important things the DASA can do to insure a positive soccer experience for all of our players.



Greg Turner and Charlotte Frankland continue to work hard at developing and mentoring capable young referees who will serve the referee needs of DASA for years to come. Great work Greg and Charlotte.

Edwin Chisholm, co-coach of our U-12 girls in 2009, accepted the task of working to secure funding for major repairs to DES and DRHS fields and construction of a new mini field behind the Municipal Building in Seabrook. Ed has

achieved some success to date with ACOA, Tri-County School Board, Municipality of Digby and DES Home and School Association committing funds to these projects. Thanks for the great effort Ed.

Finally, 2 members of the DASA executive - Helen Saulnier, registrar, and Elizabeth Rogers, secretary, - have decided to step aside after many years of dedicated service to DASA. On behalf of all parents and players of DASA, thanks so much for your dedication.

Interested in Coaching?

Anyone interested in coaching or helping to coach, please contact Harold Alexander 245-5055. DASA will pay your enrollment in a 1 or 2 day coaching clinic and support you working with a team.

2010 DASA Executive

Pres.: Harold Alexander 245-5055

V-Pres.: Charlotte Frankland and
Tim Peck

Treasurer: Jackie Titus-Smith

Secretary: Jennifer Ring

Registrar: Heather Eisener

Director: Edwin Chisholm

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Developing players, coaches, and officials with the skills and confidence to succeed.

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Raffle SONY 40" LCD TV

DASA has organized a raffle with the 1st prize of a SONY 40" HD LCD TV, the 2nd prize of a cord of split firewood (to be picked up), and the third prize of 15 lbs of lobster.

Funds raised from this raffle will go directly to the field construction and improvements we desperately need.

This year's players are being asked to purchase \$20 of tickets to be sold, and to return the ticket stubs to Edwin Chisholm for the draw in August.

DASA has operated in a break-even position in the past. We must fundraise to make these projects proceed.



Registration Dates for Summer Soccer 2010

Tuesday, April 6, 6 pm - 8 pm Digby Arena (upstairs)

Saturday, April 10, 10 pm - 2 pm Digby Arena (upstairs)

Age Groups	Year of Birth	Fee + Raffle Tickets
U-4	2006,2007	\$40 + \$20
U-6	2004-2005	\$60 + \$20
U-8	2002-2003	\$70 + \$20
U-10	2000,2001	\$70 + \$20
U-12	1998-1999	\$90 + \$20
U-14	1996-1997	\$90 + \$20
U-16	1994-1995	\$90 + \$20
U-18	1992-1993	\$90 + \$20
Senior	1991 - older	\$110 + \$20

All players must register in their age group.

A player may apply to the executive to move up to the next level under special circumstances.

Request forms are available at registration.

Family Discounts

2nd Player \$5 reduction

3rd Player \$10 reduction

We need your help at the East Coast Golf Classic in July. If you can give us a hand with this fundraiser contact Harold Alexander 245-5055.

Required Equipment: shin pads, black knee socks, cleats, black shorts for team games.



[left] The field behind the Municipal building Sep '09

Significant Field Improvements for 2010

DASA has worked hard to generate partnerships to improve and expand the fields available for the soccer players in our region. We have worked with the School Board to rejuvenate the elementary and high school fields. We have been unable to use the large elementary school field for competitive games since the summer of 2007. The high school has taken a substantial amount of wear from increased use and the growth of other field sports. Resodding of damaged portions of these fields combined with a comprehensive maintenance program will keep these community assets available for years.

The DASA has partnered with the Municipality of Digby to build a new mini field for our U4-U10 teams. This new field behind the Municipal building will take some of the wear off of the school fields and give us the capacity to hold tournaments for this age group.

I hope you are as excited as we are to be bringing these improvements to our club. We look for your support as we grow our club even further in the years to come.

Where your soccer fees go.

Division	Soccer Nova Scotia Fees	Valley District Soccer Fees	Referee Fees	Field Maintenance	Valley District Technical Director	Coach/Ref Training	Equipment	Total Budget Costs/Child
U4 / U6	\$19.50	\$3.50		\$2.00	\$6.00	\$10.00		\$41.00
U8 /U10	\$19.50	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$58.50
Youth	\$19.50	\$11.50	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$82.00
Senior B	\$43.25	\$8.25	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$102.50