



Juneau Soccer Club

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Chair's Report

As I write we have just completed the two biggest high school home weekends of the season and the competitive team spring tryouts. We had great weather for 4½ of those 6 weekend days and evenings and watched excellent entertaining soccer played by the HS varsity and JV teams. Tryouts were also a great success with good turnout and several new members joining th club in the younger age groups. It was a near thing with snow again this year but thanks to advance planning, club coordinators Tom Stewart and Tom Rutecki, the CBJ field crews, and HS players, younger players, coaches, and parents who showed up to shovel when needed, we had cleared fields with less trauma this spring.

The Board has had a busy winter with its focus on JSC financial issues and the transition to 2 high schools. For 2008-2009 HS soccer will only be offered at JDHS but TMHS students will be able to play at JD. Whether interscholastic soccer will be at 2 high schools after next year is still unknown. The JSC Board has stated its support for teams at both schools in principle but has informed the school district that for it to happen the schools must begin to pay some of the expenses for high school soccer. *Continued page 9*

Dimond Park Field House Will Be Open Next Season

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Winter construction photo of Dimond Park Field House, scheduled for completion mid-summer 2008.

Juneau-Whitehorse Exchange Results

It's now eighteen years and counting after another successful tournament with young soccer players from Juneau and Whitehorse competing together. On April 11th, 12th, and 13th the teams Storm, coached by John Newell and Joe Ver; Gale Force coached by Matt and Christy Odum; and our U12 girls coached by Marty McKeown headed to Whitehorse. The boys' teams JD United coached by Alex Newton; Jambaars coached by Moctar Diouf and Paul Bertholl; Thunder coached by Troy Choquette and Dominic Florendo; Torment coached by Krista Heard; Cosmos coached by Carl Ferlauto and our U11 boys coached by Larri Spengler hosted seven teams from Whitehorse.

The tournament at both locations thrives on fast indoor competition and numerous games in three days. Day one and two are round robin and the final day locks teams in playoff brackets seeded by their earlier results. Whitehorse had two divisions and Juneau girls placed:

Div I--Gale Force 3rd and 4th, U12 5th

Div II--Storm 3rd and 4th

Juneau results:

Div I—Whitehorse 1st, Torment I 2nd, Cosmos 3rd and 4th, U11 6th

Div II-- Whitehorse 1st and 2nd, Torment II 3rd, Rapids 4th

Div III-- Thunder I 1st, Thunder II 2nd, Whitehorse 3rd, Rapids 4th

Div IV-- Jambaars 1st, Whitehorse 2nd, JD United 3rd

We're looking forward to next year with the new Dimond Park Fieldhouse being the center of our exchange.

Peter Ord



U13 Girls Gale Force in Whitehorse

Director of Coaching

Happy spring everybody! Having just wrapped up tryouts, it was fantastic to see so many kids kicking a ball around on an outdoor pitch. To see kids passing, moving, and scoring goals only reinvigorated me for the next half of our season. It's simply fantastic to hear about teams planning for summer trips to Canada, Washington, Oregon and Fairbanks, while it's just as exciting to hear about games that are going to be played here at home. It's this excitement and passion that I hope guides teams and individual players to continue to improve in the game of soccer. In support of that endeavor, another new JSC change that will occur this year is the continuation of Skills and Goalkeeping during the summer. We plan on having scheduled times out at the field for players to attend. We even plan on having some Speed, Agility and Quickness training available to players during the summer too! As we speak, I am also working on having a fantastic trainer (Scott Phelps-president of Speed Quest) come to Juneau for a short 2-day SAQ camp. Scott over the years has made his way to Anchorage and Fairbanks to work with soccer clubs, and he's pretty excited about the prospect of coming to work with Juneau athletes. Hopefully, many of our members will take the opportunity to tap into his expertise not only in soccer, but other sports as well.



As far as upcoming events, JSC plans on holding its 6v6 soccer event around the last week of school this year - look for news on our website as we get closer to that date. We're also hopeful that we will be able to "pull-off" a local event in June with teams from Whitehorse, Sitka and Ketchikan. For this event, we are going to need quite a few people to volunteer to house players from these visiting towns in order to make it worthwhile and cost-effective for our guests to come. Both of these events should be exciting and fun for our JSC players to play in.

"We hope to pull off a local event in June with teams from Whitehorse, Sitka and Ketchikan..."

Hope to see you out on the pitch!

Matt Dusenberry



Practice at Adair Kennedy, spring 2008

Treasurer's Report

Any one associated with the Juneau Soccer Club is all too acquainted with writing checks and fundraising (and *more* fundraising!) to support their participation in the Club. So where does that money go? And where does the money come from, besides member fees? And how is the Club doing, financially this year? I'll try to answer these questions briefly.

The Juneau Soccer Club's budget is set up to fund our programs: the development program (clinics, etc), competitive team program and JDHS interscholastic soccer program. The Board sets a budget for the upcoming fiscal year (October – September) in August. The most significant factor in setting the budget is the number of players we expect to participate in the various age groups, since those numbers are the biggest factor in determining our income. Expenses do not correlate with player numbers as strongly, so if we over-estimate member numbers, we tend to fall into deficit, and vice versa.

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Alaska State Youth Soccer Association

Many new parents have asked me why does the Juneau Soccer Club need to belong to the Alaska State Youth Soccer Association (ASYSA), if the reason the JSC was established was to provide a conduit to raise funds for the high school program. This is a very good question. After the JSC was established in the late 80's early 90's one of the current board members found out from research that ASYSA was a good way for our coaches to get license training and for our players to also get more soccer training for licensed coaches and also to have a chance to player other Alaska Teams in state tournaments.

In the beginning the JSC sent teams to their first State Cup experience in 1995 when the Cup was divided into two formats the State Cup Championship and the State Open Cup. The JSC took 3 to 4 teams and they participated in the Open Cup. As I recall, all the teams made it to the semi-finals and one team won in their age group. This was the JSC's first exposure to playing teams from other districts in Alaska.

Since then the JSC has sent between 4 to 7 teams to the State Cup Championships every year. When a club belongs to ASYSA they become members of US Youth Soccer (USYS), they are represented at the US Soccer Federation (USSF) Annual General Meeting, their teams are allowed to participate in all USYS sanctioned tournaments, teams, coaches and administrators are covered under the State Insurance plan, players are eligible to tryout for the State ODP teams and through this can qualify to become a Region IV Pool Player, coaches can take licensing courses in-state for their E and D License plus receive certificates for Youth Modules, referees can receive training for upgrades and each year we hold "Soccer Symposium" (this year will be held in the fall in Anchorage) where we bring up national coaches and referees for clinics. These are some of the benefits for belonging to ASYSA.

At a USYS national meeting in January we learned that in all regional and national events, referee badges would be checked to make sure they have passed background checks. This year at our State Cup the runners-up teams will qualify for the Region IV Directors Cup to be held next June at a site to be determined. (Alaska and 13 Western States belong to Region IV). In 2010 Region IV tournament will be in New Mexico.

In February I attended the USSF AGM. They talked about diversity and if you received the latest issue of Soccer Alaska you will notice that we have one article written in Spanish. We are trying to promote diversity in our association and we know that there are many Spanish-speaking families with players in the State that we would like to attract to our Association.

As you can see we are an organization that is continuing to grow and we hope that we can provide the best soccer for the Juneau Soccer Club and its members.

Joe Ver
President, Alaska State Youth Soccer Association

Team Reports

U10/11 Boys

At the beginning of the season, the U10/U11 boys and girls started off training together. As the numbers grew over the fall/winter, the boys and girls groups splintered off; the boys training together and the girls joining with the U12 girls group. The enthusiasm of this boys group is downright contagious! Every training session they come ready to play, ready to learn new aspects of the game. We've worked on moves, possession, passing, receiving, defending and playing together as a team. This group's hard work showed through in the Whitehorse Exchange, where at times our boys were almost two years younger than their opponents, yet they rose to the challenge, did the best that they could, and had fun. Now that the fields have cleared, this group looks forward to playing outside. They also are pretty excited that there may be a U10/U11 team coming in June from Whitehorse. With a group as talented as this one, the future of the club looks quite promising.

Matt Dusenberry

U12 (U10/11) Girls

We have had a great winter thus far and are ready to play soccer outside on the turf fields. We have worked hard on passing, shooting, and defense. The girls work hard and it is paying off. Mid-winter we combined the U10 and U11 girls with the U12 girls due to low numbers on the U12 team. We are very happy to have all the girls on one team playing together. Our upcoming goals are to agree on a team name and gather enough players together to take a team to Zane Cup in August. We will be practicing hard, learning new techniques and growing new friendships. Hope to see you all on the field!

Andrea Carioti

U12 Boys Cosmos

The Cosmos are coming off an impressive performance at the Whitehorse Exchange and looking forward to Zane Cup in August. Despite the limitations of playing indoor soccer for the past several months, the Cosmos have steadily improved their fundamental skills and are keen to transition to play on a real pitch. Practices have been challenging, fun, and have included new drills such as "Bears and Salmon," "2+2v2," and the beloved "Soccer Dodgeball." As a TEAM -the Cosmos are aggressive, hard working, and demonstrate a level of commitment that will lay the foundation for all we do from this point on. They have really grown together as friends and teammates, with a strong competitive spirit and respect for each other. As stated on our team website Website www.JuneauCosmos.org, "It's about a lot more than just kicking a ball." We currently have fourteen players on the roster but still plan on building our numbers, which will allow for more advanced practices, more depth on the team, and an environment that encourages all players to raise their game. Even if not selected for Zane Cup, players will have plenty of opportunity for competition and development. If you know of any likely candidates who have a love of the game and a desire to play, let us know.

Carl Ferlauto

U13 Boys Torment

JSC Torment had an absolutely fantastic showing in the Whitehorse Exchange Tournament. Half the team competed in Division I and half in Division II, making for a long day of some quality soccer. While the entire team contributed to each group's success there were some standout performances. In Division I, Jesse Santos shined as he was able to convert many goals, while Kellen Johansen anchored the defense. Nick Stewart wowed the crowd with his impressive ability to take on many defenders at once and capitalize on goals. I was more than pleased with the teams' outcomes. The Torment Division I team took 2nd place and Torment Division II team took 3rd place. The results made each individual realize how well they can compete and has made them want to continue to grow and excel. We look



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forward to another local tournament in early June and will be traveling to State cup which is hosted in Fairbanks in August. We do however still need more players to travel north to Fairbanks. If you love the game of soccer or would like to learn, please join us so we can grow together. You would be more than welcome to join us any practice.

Krista Heard

U13 Girls Gale Force

Goals, not just the kind that hope to find the back of the net, but the kind that a team strives to meet in each game. We set team goals before our Whitehorse exchange. We asked each player "what would make you feel like a winner each time you step off the field.....even when you lose the game?" Their answers were what we hoped to hear: I did my very best, we played together as a team, we score one goal all weekend, the keepers make a dive for a ball, we complete wall passes, layovers, crosses, step overs and headers, we communicate on the field, and we have fun. These fine ladies, pushed through, and met these goals and several more that were set. They had a few headers towards the goals, their communication led to wall passes and layovers, they most certainly played together like a team even when playing against each other, they were creative with their fakes, and our keepers had some exciting saves. Best of all, they had fun. So, we ask you, what makes you feel like a winner....even if you lose the game?

Matt & Christy Odum

U14 Boys Rapids

Although it has taken some time for the snow to clear the fields, the hint of summer is finally coming through and the U14 Boys team is looking forward to a busy summer of SOCCER! In June, the team will play in our JSC events (6v6 and "tournament"). In July, many of our players will attend the Thunder Mountain camp and hopefully train as a team. Finally, in August, the team will be traveling to Fairbanks for State Cup. Although these events are months away, the players have started to prepare by working on their game as a team and individually. Some of our players have been attending the skills, ATP and team practice sessions over the winter, and will continue to do so more regularly this spring and summer.

Matt Dusenberry

U14/U15 Girls Storm

The Storm team is now a U14/U15 combined team with six U14 girls and twenty-two U15 girls. We have a lot planned for this upcoming season starting with a trip to Whitehorse in April and a 9v9 tournament here in Juneau in June. We will then head down to Oregon for the Nike cup in Oswego followed by the Waterfront cup in Salem. In between the two tournaments we will be playing friendlies in Medford against the Rouge Valley Soccer Club. We also plan on putting together a High School team to play in the Juneau Women's league this summer. All this is a build up to State Cup in Fairbanks in August where we are looking to have a better showing than last year even though we only lost one game and only gave up two goals. Some major accomplishments for our team over the last year are four players being selected to ODP and one player winning the gold medal for Team Alaska in the Arctic Winter Games in Canada. One other Accomplishment worth mentioning is that of the 28 girls on the team, 26 of them are on the Honor Roll and 11 of them are on the All A Honor Roll with a 4.0 GPA. Way to go girls!

John Newell

www.rteamsite.com/soccer/stormgirls

U15 Boys Thunder

Our squad has been training all winter to develop technical skills and speed of play. We are stronger, faster and more intelligent than last year. We believe it is crucial to continue to focus on fundamentals, possession and transitioning on and off the ball. Our U15 squad put forth an outstanding performance April 11-13 in the Whitehorse Exchange to finish first and second. The Thunder will be competing in three tournaments this summer, along with several friendly matches. We will be traveling to Burlington, WA and Kelowna, BC at the end of June to participate in the Diadora Firecracker and Canada Day Tournaments. The Thunder will also play local house and select teams in the greater

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Okanagan region of British Columbia. This will be a worthwhile challenge for our squad. We are looking forward to traveling to Fairbanks in August for State Cup. Many exciting opportunities that promise to yield great benefits for our lads.

Troy Choquette

U16 Boys Jambaars

It is hard to believe that the Jambaars are now U16. It seems that the U12 and U13 eras were just here. Oh well! We are now in 2008, which brought an unusual start to our outdoor season. With 12 of the boys playing high school soccer, we are unable to practice much as a team. On the other hand, the boys are enjoying themselves being part of their high school teams. The Jambaars will resume with three practices a week around the last week of May. Moreover, we were hoping to grow bigger this year but the boys are still smaller in size. However, they are making up the difference with more confidence in their skills and abilities, more maturity in their decision-making, more power in their shots, and most have added more speed to their game. Their performance during the second round of the Whitehorse exchange, finishing first without five top players, has given us something to look forward to in this summer's competition. The Jambaars will compete in the Nike Crossfire Challenge in WA in late July before heading to the 2008 Alaska State Cup in August.

Moctar Djouf

U16/17 Girls Ice Cleats

As of January, the Ice have combined forces with their elders, the Capitol Cleats. Given both teams' current numbers, the merger of the Ice and the Cleats was necessary for continued participation in tournaments. The Ice-Cleats will be headed to Fairbanks this summer for State Cup as U17s. This will be challenging, but we feel our girls will rise to the challenge. In addition to State we are considering Diadora Cup along with Thunder Mountain and Northwest Soccer Camps. We are sad to report that another of our fine coaches has moved on to other things. JoAnn Quigg had to reduce her involvement with the club, but we still intend to invade her house for soccer parties. Someone warn her of our diabolical plans--in the meantime we'll miss her. We look forward to another successful summer of soccer and are happy for the opportunity to continue playing together.

Nobu Koch and Phillip Subeldia

JDHS Girls

For the second year the Girls' Varsity Team traveled out-of-state to play games in the San Francisco area. This was the first time we were able to play outdoors this year. We were a little 'ring rusty' in the first 2 games losing 3-0 in both games but showed great improvement in the 3rd. game winning 2-0. Since then we have played 5 games; Ketchikan 1 (only one game because of snow) Colony 2 and Cheyenne 2, outscoring the opposition 32-2.

The base of the Varsity Team this year will be the seniors. Most of these seniors have played together for many years having come up through the JSC ranks and playing on the very successful Xtra Tufts. Anyone who watches soccer here in Juneau will know how talented these players are. Kayla Walton in goal; Kirsten Jorgensen, Jenna Rutecki and Michaela Goade in the back line; Carly Lehnhart, Clarissa Suson, and Rachel Tarver in mid field with Amanda Soto and goal-scoring machine Margaret Sekona as forwards. Probably the most experienced team ever for JDHS Girls' Varsity Soccer.

Last year I said that we had the largest and most talented group of freshmen ever. This is no longer true as this year's cull is even bigger and more talented! Many of these freshmen have already had a taste of playing varsity soccer this year.

With such a wealth of talent it is not surprising that I am optimistic that we will once again have a very successful year, both with the Varsity and JV. Much of the credit for a successful High School program here in Juneau must go to JSC, its Board Members and Coaches. It is they who develop these talented players for us year after year.

Colin Barton

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JDHS Boys

The 2008 season has started quite well. First the program has 53 players playing, which despite some management issues, has coaches Matt Dusenberry, Alex Newton and I happy to be working with so many fine young men. Second, this current crop of players is unequivocally the deepest and overall most talented group the program has ever seen. And third we've gotten off to a great start. The varsity season began with the annual trip to Spokane which ended with a 2-0-1 record, the tie coming against highly rated Ferris High School. The Boys then headed to Ketchikan and after losing the first day's games to weather the varsity defeated Ketchikan 4-0 and the JV's defeated the Kings twice. Our annual Yahtzee tournament, always a highlight on the ferry trip home, resulted in a victory for the ivory tossing team of Sam Post and George Skan.

The annual Spring Fever Tournament brought Mead High School, one of the top Spokane teams to town. This year we had the good fortune to have both a varsity and JV squad from Mead so over 40 players had an opportunity to compete against quality out-of-state opponents. The Varsity defeated Mead twice while the JV's fell 3-1 in their contest. Next on the schedule was a visit from Service High School and the Bears enjoyed contributions from a variety of players defeating the Cougars twice. The JV's also played that weekend falling to a talented group of former JDHS players. I enjoyed telling the younger players in the program that most of that group of alumni developed their skills on dirt "old school" style! The month of May will bring more challenges and opportunities for this great bunch of athletes as well as a few more parking lots to sweep as we all continue the never-ending task of fundraising. It should be noted that the Bears are currently ranked in the top ten in the western United States. We hope to see everyone at our last round of home games against Ketchikan later this month.

Gary Lehnhart

Volunteer Thanks

JSC wouldn't function without the efforts and dedication of many volunteers. From team coaches, managers, and bookkeepers to parents behind the scenes of each team, the board of directors, and those who volunteer to handle specific club tasks. Each has put in many hours to make the club work and to provide a great soccer experience for our kids. Special thanks to volunteer extraordinaire Amy Skilbred; Club Registrar Carlene Nore; AYSA Rep (Alexander) and Field House Reps Alexander Hoke, Tom Lawson, Kurt West; Ad sales coordinators and HS team "parents" Kate Wolfe, Sue Gullufsen, Joan Gianotti; team Goal card and Raffle coordinators Wendy Porter, Kathy Nielson, Jana Mayer, Sherry Tamone, Pam Johansen, Jetta Whittaker, Margie Thomson, Lynn Squires-White, Nelda Stewart, Justina Starzynski, Ji Zheng, and Gail Ford; Crab Feed Chef Jerry Donohoe; HS volunteers and HS booster committee members Betsy Breneman, Dave Gelotte, Erin Smith, Ken Post, Stacey Goade, Cathy Connor, Rod Flynn, Dick Schirmer, TJ Slagle, Ted Fosket, and snow-removal Tsar Tom Stewart; and many others. And thanks to our paid bookkeeper Vickie Williams who keeps club and players' accounts straight and spreadsheets legible.

There are many ways to help and strengthen JSC and the more folks chip in the easier the jobs. So let the board know how you would like to contribute.



Chef Jerry Donohoe preparing the Crab Feed feast

JSC players in the Olympic Development Program



Snowed in at the Sitka airport while returning from ODP mini camp in Anchorage

After attending initial tryouts last September, 22 JSC players were selected for the State ODP pool. Of those, 21 attended 3 additional mini-camps over the winter from which 18 Juneau players plus 3 alternates were selected to state ODP teams that will compete against top age group players from Region IV this summer at regional camps in the lower 48. Congratulations to: Girls – Calley Odum, Solana Ashe, Abby Query, Anna Gregovich, Annika Ord, Dorothy Brent. Katie McKeown*

Boys – Jackson Lehnhart, Johnny Joyce, Colin Zheng, Devin Bertholl, Nathan Fosket, Andy Lawson, Adam Nesheim, Max Smith, Philip Murray, Riley Paul, Peter Jorgenson, Joe Slagle. Devin Gross*, Max Lyons*, Taylor Lehnhart*
*alternate

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Support JSC Through Online Shopping!!

Online purchases of Alaska Airlines tickets or soccer gear from Eurosport can benefit the soccer club if you access those websites through the JSC website. It doesn't cost you any more but the club gets a rebate. In addition, JSC has joined OneCause, which provides an online shopping mall, including Amazon.com and many other online retailers. When you shop online starting from the OneCause site, the retailers rebate a percentage of your online purchase dollars back to the Club through OneCause. Each calendar quarter, JSC will receive a check from OneCause and will split the funds 50/50 between the Club and individual player accounts, based on their individual online shopping rebates. There is no cost for using this service, and friends and family can use it as well, designating which account should receive the rebates. Be sure to register for 'Dues Crediting' in your profile at the OneCause website. See the JSC homepage for more info.

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In the next few months the Board will be taking steps to separate the budgets of the high school program and development program. Our hope is that this will promote more cost equity both between and within those programs. The club was initially formed to support high school soccer, but over the years JSC's development and competitive team program includes more than half the club's players and has become a high-quality part of JSC thanks to the efforts of our Directors of Coaching, Colin Barton and Matt Dusenberry. The separation won't be an easy task and will likely involve some major changes in our fee structure. We'll need JSC member support and help along the way to make sure the quality of all our programs remains high.

We've formed a high school booster committee, named the Goal Keepers Club, to begin to take on more of the

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fundraising and organizing tasks specific to the high school. T.J. Slagle and Peter Ord are co-chairs. They will need high school parents to volunteer as committee members and to help with fundraising and organizing to keep the HS program running smoothly.

The ad sales fundraiser for the high school game program was modified this year to transition to a strictly HS fundraiser and to try to enable more players to participate in ad sales to pay their fees. This is a complicated, time-intensive fundraiser and it wouldn't have happened the past few years without the tireless efforts of parent volunteers Amy Skilbred, Kate Wolfe, Sue Gullufsen and others. Thank them when you see them. This year's program book is another masterpiece and players raised over \$30,000 towards fees and travel thanks to the generosity of almost 300 local businesses. Unfortunately for JSC, this was Amy, Kate, and Sue's last year doing ads and we will need another team of dedicated folks to help keep the ad sales fundraiser going strong.

Director of Coaching Matt Dusenberry has taken on a number of new tasks in his first year, some quite ambitious including: outfitting all competitive teams with a club-wide standard uniform; coaching the U10 and U11 development teams; extending skills and goalkeeping clinics through the summer; holding regular coaches meetings; and organizing an early summer tournament/clinic to provide more opportunities for teams to play in Juneau. All this while serving as boys HS JV coach and coach of the U14B Rapids competitive team. We are fortunate to have his talents and energy devoted to our club.

I'd like to recognize my fellow JSC Board members for the work they do often without fanfare. Here are just some of the tasks they take on through the year: Jean Mischel, Board vice chair and chair of the Competitive Team Committee (CTC – deals with team and player issues, equipment needs, coaches approval and training, etc.) calendar sales; Nick Lyons, treasurer, scholarships and all money matters, CTC, newsletter layout; Marty McKeown, secretary, Goal Card fundraiser organizing, club development and recruiting; Margaret Tharp, events advertising, Crab Feed; Dave Newton, field and gym scheduling; Glenn Walton, managing club equipment, CTC; Peter Ord, Crab Feed, Whitehorse tourney, Raffle, Litter Pickup, 6v6; Tom Rutecki, Goal Keepers Club organizer, CBJ field liaison, CTC.

Several board members' terms expire and seats are up for election next fall. Please consider serving a 2-year term. The club needs interested and dedicated board members to continue to function.

Tom Paul, JSC Board Chair

Treasurer's Report, continued from Page 4...**How the budget breaks down**

Income:

- Club membership fees
- High school participation fees
- CBJ Youth Activity Board grants for HS and comp team equipment and travel
- Other income (corporate donations, Litter Free pickup, HS gate receipts, web merchant kickbacks, etc.)

Expenses:

- Development program (Director of Coaching (DOC), clinics, equipment, etc.)
 - Comp team program (DOC, equipment, YAB travel payout, coach training, etc)
 - High School program (coach stipends, travel, insurance, equipment, etc.)
 - Administrative (bookkeeper, business licenses, etc.)
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Treasurer's report continues...

JSC pays the full cost of the JDHS soccer program, and high school team travel is by far the largest expense in this program. Club fundraisers (goal cards, raffle, ads) are a net expense to the Club, since costs are not fully covered by the Club's percentage.

Current budget status

For the second year in a row, we somewhat over-estimated the number of members who would join the Club, particularly in the younger age groups. We currently (as of May 3) have approximately

- 234 total members
- 113 middle school
- 94 in the high school program
- 21 elementary

Earlier in 2008, the Board met and revised the budget to take these fiscal realities into account. While the Club has a reserve fund, our goal is always for income to meet, at minimum, the level of expenses.

Outlook and future challenges

Going forward, the Club needs to adjust its budget and its funding paradigm to take account of changing realities:

- Demographics: lower numbers of potential players in younger age groups in Juneau. We need to attract a larger percentage of a smaller group to have viable teams in every age group.
- Dimond Park Field House: A huge boon for soccer: 90' x 100' turf—real soccer *indoors!* However, the rental fees will probably be 4 to 5 times what we currently pay for gym space.
- The new high school and the (possibly) changing funding paradigm for high school sports in Juneau.

As mentioned in the Chair's Report, the Board plans to take steps to separate the budgets of the high school program and development/comp team program so as to promote more cost equity both between and within those programs.

On a hopeful note, the Club has contracted with a pull-tab operator, and income from that fundraiser is promised for late this calendar year--just in time for next fiscal year's budget. We haven't seen a dime yet, but we have our fingers crossed.

All in all, we look forward to a year of changes, and hopefully all for the better. Comments & questions are welcomed.

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