

The Red & Black

November 2001 Newsletter



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Message from the President

As this is the final newsletter for the HDSC calendar year, I wish to express my appreciation to the many volunteers who take on small and large tasks to keep our organization operating. I have always said we support our children best by taking a strong supportive role in the activities in which they participate. Our organization continues to grow and programming is becoming more complicated in meeting the demands of the membership, so THANK YOU to all who became a part of the process this past summer.

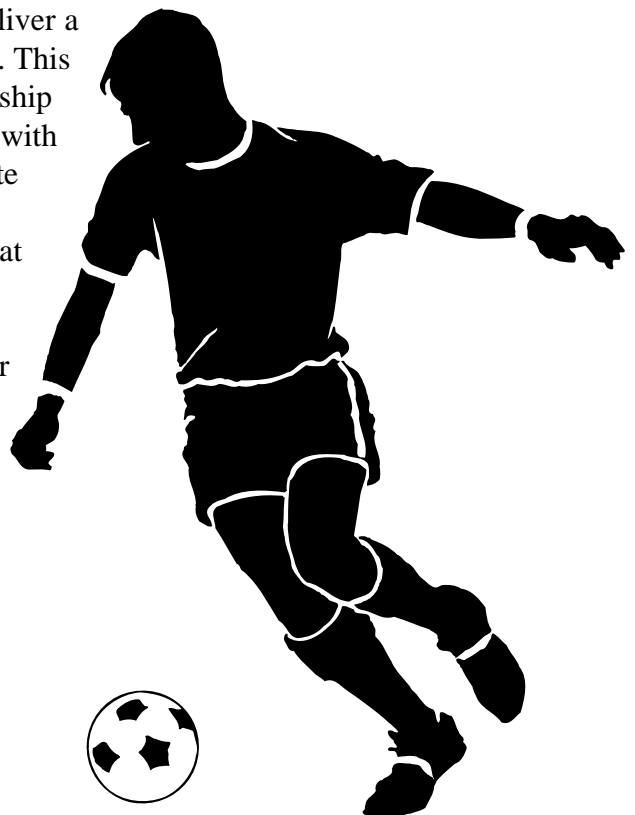
The 2001/2002 HDSC winter program is now in full swing; the demands for opportunities to play winter soccer continue to rise while the availability of space and time remains at a standstill. HDSC appreciates the concerns that have been expressed by families as they rush from work to get their children to their designated training times or have a late night due to the scheduled game time; the two facilities in use are booked Monday through Friday 5 p.m. to 12 midnight and on the weekend from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight, leaving little flexibility in providing game and training times to our young players.

Our Annual General Meeting is also just around the corner—I encourage you to come out to this meeting, to ask questions and to provide constructive feedback on how we can continue to work to deliver a quality program to the membership. This year we have surveyed the membership in writing and made verbal contact with coaches so that we could incorporate your ideas into our programs. It's through constant communication that we're able to implement ideas and make modifications to the program where it's needed to succeed for our children.

See you on November 28th.

Submitted by:

Lynn P. Haughn
PRESIDENT
HDSC





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- ⚽ HDSC has reworked its current administrative structure, which introduces the position of Club Manager with duties that will help improve the operations of the club. Kathy LeBlanc has officially taken on this role and we thank her for her service in the past and look forward to this new relationship. New office hours will be posted shortly so that members will be aware of times they can access the office.
- ⚽ Starting with the Winter 2001/2002 season, winter leagues will now be playing with the six-aside format in order to come in line with other indoor facilities. This is a slight change from past years but should result in both a better level of play and a better playing experience for our youth.
- ⚽ Uniform Return: This seems to be one of the truly thankless positions in our club, and at the end of the season we are faced with many difficulties in collecting jerseys from players (OF ALL AGE LEVELS). If you happen to have one hiding in a drawer or under a bed, please arrange to drop it off at our office. These are fairly expensive items and we hope to recoup as many as possible. Discussion is now ongoing regarding not handing out the shirts to players, rather just keeping them with the managers who will distribute them at the start of the game and collect after. It will cause extra duties for managers but it may be the only way to prevent the losses we have been experiencing.

Mini Program Update

After another successful summer season for the Dunbrack mini program, we are now ready to kick-off the winter indoor season. For the minis age groups, Dunbrack will be running its traditional winter training and development program. The program is broken into age groups (U6, U8, U10 and U11) and the skills training is geared specifically toward each age group and ability.

It's a 20-week progressive program that takes the players through all the fundamental technical aspects involved in the game.

Players in the program will practice for one hour every week:

- **U6s and U8s** practice on Thursday nights from 5 to 6 p.m., starting November 6;
- **U10s and U11s** on Tuesday nights from 6 to 7 p.m., starting November 8.

The program runs for a duration of 20 weeks. There's a two-week break over the Christmas period (no soccer weeks of December 24 and December 31). Players will practice within their own age group and will have extremely good supervision and coaching provided by our technical staff.

All players are offered an excellent player-to-coach ratio. The sessions are all run at Soccer Nova Scotia's excellent indoor facility, situated off Westridge Drive in Clayton Park. Please ensure players leave their cleats at home and wear their sneakers or turf shoes. And don't forget the water bottles!

Look forward to seeing you there!!

Submitted by:

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MINI TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

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Come and Play!

Indoor soccer, sometimes referred to as “winter soccer,” is a fun, fast-paced, seven-side game rapidly gaining popularity in Nova Scotia. The growing demand for facilities such as Soccer Nova Scotia’s Indoor Facility gives evidence to a growing sport.

Although indoor soccer has similarities to summer soccer and is encouraged as a way for players to sharpen their outdoor skills, it’s a unique sport on its own. Plus, all you parents can appreciate that there’s no offside rules to understand and all the action takes place at one of only two facilities—no more driving all over metro looking for fields!

There are currently two indoor soccer locations in HRM: Soccer Nova Scotia’s Facility on Mainland North and Exhibition Park.

Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club offers two divisions of play for Youth (U-12 to U-18). The Competitive level is played at SNS Facility and the Recreational at Exhibition Park. Dunbrack offers one practice a week and there’s one game per week. At the Recreational level the practices are run at Exhibition Park at a consistent time each week (U-12s practice at SNS). The games are also at a consistent time slot for each age group (i.e. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat.).

For the spaces available, registration is on a first come, first served basis at the Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club Office on Alma Crescent.

For more information call 455-0078 or e-mail <dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca>

Submitted by:

Linda Dempsey
TREASURER
HDSC



Upcoming Annual General Meeting

Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, November 28th at 7 p.m. at the Saint Pius X Church on Coronation Avenue, off Willett between Coronation and Adelaide Street.

The following is a tentative agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes from 2000 Annual General Meeting
 2. Treasurer Report
 3. Directors Reports:
 - a. President
 - b. Registrar
 - c. Boys Director
 - d. Girls Director
 - e. Mini Director
 - f. Senior Director
 - g. Technical Director
 - h. Business Director
 - i. Equipment Director
 4. Constitutional Changes (depending on submissions)
 5. Nominations Committee Report and Election of New Officers
 6. Adjourn
- * Any submissions or proposals for any changes to the constitution or bylaws must be submitted to the office by November 23, 2001.

Soccer Notes

