



## MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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### APRIL-MAY '07 NEWSLETTER

#### SPRING SEASON KICKOFF ... REALLY!

Well, we had to wait a week, but it was worth it. The spring in-town season finally began this past weekend and we couldn't have asked for better weather. While we all cart our soccer players from field to field, here is some Medway Youth Soccer news we'd like to share with you:

#### TRAINING DAYS

Challenger coach **Kevin Chilvers** is in town and he's already started training sessions with our teams. As we stated in last month's newsletter, we hired Kevin for four weeks this spring with the hopes that he could work with players from just about every level of our program. He will run some practices, put on some clinics and assess some games. He will report back to coaches with recommendations on how the players and coaches can improve.

Kevin took the time to compose this introductory message. If you see him around the fields, please make him feel welcome.

*Hi Medway Soccer Community –*

*I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a 22-year-old sports degree student studying in my hometown of Newcastle Upon Tyne. Away from the soccer field I like to relax by playing golf, going to the movies, eating out, socializing and shopping. I am a quiet, level-headed, responsible young man with a good sense of humor and my dream is for one day to live and coach a professional soccer team in America.*

*I've played soccer from the tender age of 5 and have been coached by two professional clubs between the ages of 8-15 before moving on to play semi-professional football. Unfortunately, a serious ankle injury hindered any progress in the game. So I have used my past experience as a player to coach and develop young players at Red House Farm Football Club, Newcastle United Football, in the Community school programs, soccer weeks and advanced centers. Through these schemes, I scout across the Northeast of England for young talented players who can progress into Newcastle United's Football Academy.*

*During my coaching time with the younger age groups at Medway soccer, I will be mainly concentrating on improving their technical ability and developing their understanding of the game. It is important from an early age to develop their basic fundamentals, i.e., first touch, passing, movement, ball familiarity and the field position of other players.*

*As the players progress in age, I will spend most of my coaching time developing their decision making and progress, as well as raising their tactical awareness. During the sessions I will also be looking to develop their game play and player/team style of play.*

*My personal aim for each child attending my coaching sessions at Medway soccer is that they will be coached in a good learning environment with the right attitude and good application. And most of all that they enjoy what is “the beautiful game.”*

*Looking forward to meeting you all soon,  
Coach Kevin*



## VOLUNTEERS ... PLEASE!

What makes the Medway Cup so successful? VOLUNTEERS. It's as simple as that. We can't possibly pull off the 15<sup>th</sup> annual tournament this Memorial Day (May 26-27) without your help.

This year's tournament is even bigger than any before in that we are coordinating it between two venues – the Middle School and the High School. For that reason, we need your help.

If you are interested in giving any time – a weekend, an afternoon, an hour between your child's games – please let us know by sending an email to [medwaycup@medwaysoccer.com](mailto:medwaycup@medwaysoccer.com). The tournament runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. We need help with concessions, parking, **Friday setup** – you name it.

The Medway Cup is MYS's only fundraiser. The money we raise from this tournament alleviates the need for your children to go out and sell candy, calendars, etc. The money goes back into the program for equipment, uniforms, training, etc.

**Coaches:** If you plan on putting in a team, please do it ASAP. It will help us immensely by simplifying planning and scheduling. Don't wait until the last minute!



## THINGS TO DO ... LIKE FALL REGISTRATION

Yes, we know we've only just gotten off the ground this spring, but to keep things flowing smoothly, it's necessary to register for Fall 2007 now. Travel evaluations are around the corner (more on that later) and **eligible players must be registered for the Fall in order to try out for travel teams.**

**Registration begins May 1 and it is simple.** Just go to [www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com) and follow the on-line registration instructions. You can register your children from home and pay by credit card. If you'd like to pay by check, mail it to **MYS, PO Box 11, Medway, MA 02053**. But all registrations must go through the on-line process. If this is your child's first time playing, you must also mail a copy of his or her birth certificate to that address. To receive the family discount, all children must be registered at the same time. **All players, coaches and volunteers will need to register for the Fall season.** Teams and divisions all change for the fall season.

*Here is the payment info:*

**Travel Age Group: All Travel Players must register before scheduled evaluation**

First Child	Second Child	Third Child	Fourth or More
\$85.	\$75.	\$65.	Free

**In-Town Age Group:**

One Child	Second Child	Third Child	Fourth or More
\$65.	\$55.	\$45.	Free

*Here are the age groups:*

### ***Travel Age Groups:***

U10 Boys and Girls (most players will be entering the 4<sup>th</sup> grade): 8/1/97 -- 7/31/98

U11 Boys and Girls (most players will be entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade): 8/1/96 – 7/31/97

U12 Boys and Girls (most players will be entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade): 8/1/95 – 7/31/96

U13 Boys and Girls (most players will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade): 8/1/94 – 7/31/95

U14 Boys and Girls (most players will be entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade): 8/1/93 – 7/31/94

### ***In-Town Age Groups:***

Instructional (most players will be Pre-K): 8/1/02 – 7/31/03

Micro (most players will be entering Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade): 8/1/00 – 7/31/02

Intramural (most players will be entering 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade): 8/1/98 – 7/31/00

Any registration received after June 13, must include a \$25 late fee.

-Registration questions: Email [registrar@medwaysoccer.com](mailto:registrar@medwaysoccer.com).



## **EVALUATIONS**

In the next month, we will hold travel evaluations for next year's BAYS travel teams. There will be a notice that comes home from the schools in the coming days. The 13- and 14-year-old tryouts will be held separately this year and those players will play on age-specific teams. All travel players must be registered to try out.

For an in-depth explanation of the travel soccer evaluations, please click here:

<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/travel/tryouts/default.htm>.

### **Here is the current schedule:**

- **U10 Boys:** Tuesday, May 15 and May 22, Oakland Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U10 Girls:** Tuesday, May 15 and May 22, Idyllbrook Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U11 Boys:** Monday, May 14 and May 21, Oakland Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U11 Girls:** Monday, May 14 and May 21, Idyllbrook Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U12 Boys:** Tuesday, May 29 and June 5, Oakland Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U12 Girls:** Tuesday, May 29 and June 5, Idyllbrook Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U13 Boys:** Wednesday, May 30 and June 6, Oakland Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U13 Girls:** Wednesday, May 30 and June 6, Idyllbrook Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U14 Boys:** Thursday, May 31 and June 7, Oakland Field, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **U14 Girls:** Thursday, May 31 and June 7, Idyllbrook Field, 6-7:30 p.m.



## A PICTURE TELLS 1,000 WORDS

As mentioned last month, we will be bringing back Picture Day this year. Medway residents **Jim McHugo** and **Peter Chapin** of **New England Action Sports Photography** will be taking our team and individual photos. Coaches should be passing out brochures and order forms by this weekend.

The dates and times are all set and here are the links to find your team's Kodak moment. The schedules can all be found on our Web site:

- Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6 (for in-town teams only):  
[www.medwaysoccer.com/info/pictureday/intownpictures.pdf](http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/pictureday/intownpictures.pdf)
- Saturday, May 12 (for some travel teams):  
[www.medwaysoccer.com/info/pictureday/travel\\_may12.pdf](http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/pictureday/travel_may12.pdf)
- Saturday, May 19 (for remaining travel teams):  
[www.medwaysoccer.com/info/pictureday/travel\\_may19.pdf](http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/pictureday/travel_may19.pdf)



## DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?

You will if you enroll them in the **Challenger British Soccer camp**. The folks from Challenger are back again for a third summer of fun and skills. The camps have been hugely successful as over 200 Medway Youth Soccer players participated last summer alone.

Ask a friend, neighbor or coach for a recommendation. Chances are one of them has had some exposure to the camp. Coaches are also in possession of brochures if you haven't already received one.

Full day, half day and evening session are all offered, but they fill up fast. You can register here: <http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/challengercamp/default.htm>. Free British soccer jerseys are available with early registration.

For more information, go to the Challenger site at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com). Here are the dates when Challenger will be in Medway:

- July 16-20 at Oakland
- Aug. 20-24 at Oakland



### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- The travel season is in full swing, despite soggy fields and some postponements. To get an idea of how your child's team is doing, log on to the BAYS Web site here: <http://www.bays.org/standings/index.html> to go right to the standings page.
- Medway Youth Soccer provides a scholarship for a High School graduate who participated in the youth soccer program. If you're not aware of it, check with your child's guidance counselor for the application.
- Parents are encouraged to go online and fill out coaching evaluations. Your input is important to us. The feedback we receive will help us identify the strengths and weaknesses of our coaches as well as the entire program. The form is located on the home page ([www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com)) and must be printed out and mailed to MYS, PO Box 11, Medway, MA 02053.



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### MYS MISSION STATEMENT

Medway Youth Soccer's main purpose is to provide a recreational youth soccer program for the town of Medway and to ensure all players have an enjoyable soccer experience. Medway Youth Soccer is a non-profit organization dedicated to the youth of Medway. Membership guarantees equal playing time regardless of ability. As an association, we strive to foster fair play, sportsmanship, teamwork, self-confidence, self-discipline, and competition. Medway Youth Soccer's goal is to encourage these values in our players, coaches, parents, referees, and volunteers. We hope to instill a lifetime passion for the sport of soccer and provide an overall safe and fun experience.