



PASS FC

WOLVES-HAWKS GR

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PASS It On



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10-Year Anniversary Issue!

The Story of PASS

Ten years ago, blue and orange (Dutch National team colors), found their way onto the backs of 4 new PASS teams in the fall of 2001. It seems like yesterday that a group of soccer moms and dads had a vision to start a new, quality soccer experience in northeast Grand Rapids. These friends, the founding members of PASS Impact Soccer headed by Mark and JoAnne VanSlooten, began deciding the future of their new club. The goal as a club was to allow players to develop their abilities by continually giving them great coaching and the toughest competition they could play.

Originally an anagram for Plainfield Area Select Soccer, PASS eventually dropped this "area specific name" and became simply PASS FC because the teams began

drawing players from all over West Michigan. As the club grew it was noticed that many of the players wanted to play soccer year-round and that some players were happy playing only during their seasons. At that time there was only one Premier Club in the area, Grand Valley Premier. As soccer in West Michigan began to grow some of the more successful teams were converted into PASS Premier teams, the first of which just won the State Cup this past spring as our U18 Wolves team! (see photo on page 3) This new premier level helped to satisfy those players who wanted to play more often and at higher levels, while keeping them within the club they were loyal to.

A few years later PASS was approached by the Michigan Wolves-Hawks organization of Livonia. They wanted a presence in West Michigan and would help PASS structure their Premier division with their successful training model. They also gave PASS the backing of a nationally recognized club. This is how PASS FC and Wolves-Hawks GR became what they are today, "partners" in player development.

Now, ten years later, there are 16 select teams playing in GVSA, 7 Academy/Premier teams, and 210 players age 4-7 in the Juniors program. Just think what another 10 years might bring....

"As PASS FC celebrates 10 years as a soccer club we would like to thank each of our members, past and present, for believing in us and supporting us as we grow each year. Our board members, our volunteer base of parents, and our coaches have worked diligently to bring you a club that you can be proud to be a part of." Mark & JoAnne



THANK YOU!

Please take a moment to thank your club volunteers. They spend countless hours providing your child with fun and rewarding opportunities in growing as a soccer player and a person. If you wish to join that list we would LOVE to have you! Please contact JoAnne at jmvanslooten@sbcglobal.net.

BOARD MEMBERS: JoAnne VanSlooten – Executive Director, Mark VanSlooten – President, Jeff Merritt – Wolves-Hawks GR Director of Coaching, Nanette Larson – Secretary, Jenny Tepastte – Treasurer, Gloria Campbell – Marketing, TM coordinator, websites, Sarah DeShane – Uniforms, Rob DeShane – SS fields, Steve Robbins, Brad Warmuskerken, Bob Anaya, Suz Schalon cont. on page 2

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Providing Challenging Opportunities For Young Soccer Players



Team Camp Exploring a New Format 2011



Partnering with Cornerstone Women's program proved to be a win-win situation for all involved. PASS coaches were invited to participate with their teams as the Cornerstone players and coaching staff led the camp sessions. This was also a great way for Cornerstone's 'Adopt an Eagle' program to get underway. The college players were able to connect with some of the players they would be working with throughout the fall season. Our players gain so much from these awesome college role models. Camp was held at Sunshine Church and at Northview High School August 22-25, 2011.



Team camp ended on Thursday with a club sponsored Ice Cream Social to kick off the fall season. Used soccer equipment was given away, Club shirts and spirit wear was for sale, Raffle tickets were sold and fun was had by all!!!

Thank you cont...

TEAM MANAGERS: U7 girls – **Jen Yoder**, U8 girls – **Dionne Underhill**, U8 boys – **Jeremy Druelle**, U9 girls – **Betsy Hudgens**, U10 girls – **Donna Robbins**, U10 Hawks – **Deb Probst**, U10 boys – **Mary Alice Miller**, U11 girls – **Mary Em Musser**, U11 boys blue – **Liz Shearer**, U11 boys orange – **Darcy Toole**, U12 girls – **Diane Warmuskerken**, U12 boys – **Holly Froumis**, U12 Hawks – **Sarah DeShane**, U12 Wolves – **Holly Coppock**, U13 girls – **Chuck Bussalacci**, U14 boys – **Christina Lehtinen**, U14 Wolves – **Nanette Larson/Jenny Tepastte**, U15 Hawks – **Ric Wozniak**, U15 Wolves – **Shelly Pelak**, U16 girls – **Kelly Wass**, U17 Hawks – **Melinda Stuyvesant**, U18 girls – **Lynn Kehoe**, U18 Hawks – **Bonnie Ryfiak**

CLUB PROGRAM COORDINATORS: Tryout/Registration Coordinators – **Ed and Jill Farnsworth**, Camp Coordinators – **Jill Farnsworth**, Sunshine Field Director – **Rob DeShane**, Equipment Mgr. & Northview Field Director – **Nathan Mayhew**

JUNIORS: Registration & Program Coordinator – **Donna Robbins**, Coach and Field Coordinator– **Mark VanSlooten**, Asst Coach Coordinator and Field Set-up – **Adam Scheidel**

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Fall Kick-off Ice Cream Social - **Jeff Roof, Jen Yoder, Lynn Kehoe, Amy Stratbucker, Robin DeMario, Jenny Tepastte, Nanette Larson, Christina Lehtinen, Steve Robbins, Sarah DeShane**
Tournament Hospitality Tent - **Robin DeMario, Joe Legatz, Karey Robinette, Dean Amick, Amanda Meyers, Jim Campbell, Jenny Tepastte, Nanette Larson**

(Note: If anyone was left off of this list it was in no way done intentionally. We appreciate ALL of our volunteers!)



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Player Spotlight - Justin Reamon



The youngest players that started playing when PASS was formed 10 years ago are now in college. One of those players, Justin Reamon, started on the U9 select team in 2001 (see picture p. 1), and finished on the U18 Wolves GR team in 2011, winning the State Cup!

Justin is the only player that has played continually for PASS, then GVSC-PASS Premier beginning in 2005, then the Michigan Wolves GR in 2009. He played varsity high school soccer all 4 years for Northview, helping the team to 2 District titles in 2007 and 2008 and a State Championship in 2010. After graduating in 2011, Justin decided to

attend Hope College in Holland to play for the Flying Dutchmen. He is a midfielder starter for the team.

From the first year he and his cousin started playing AYSO soccer at age 8, Justin has always loved the game. He comes from a true soccer family, older brother Billy played soccer for St. Joseph's College, younger sister Molly, a junior at Northview High School, plays on the Hawks U17 team.

Justin would tell young soccer players to "just play and have fun." The secret to his success is "don't think just play." When not playing soccer Justin likes to study, hang out with friends and listen to music.



PASS Juniors Meets Its Goals



The PASS Juniors program has set a new high for participation this fall with 210 registrants! It is an amazing sight to see all of these young soccer players, coaches and

families gather on a Friday evening. Along with the program's success have come the growing pains of needing extra coaches, equipment and parking. Thank you to Sunshine Church, who has graciously reduced some of their parking restrictions for Juniors nights only, and to a great group of coaches that have been present to provide instruction. Offering a quality experience that will develop young soccer players and their desire to play soccer is the program's goal. We are looking forward to continuing to meet that goal next spring.



TBAYS Autumn Classic

The weather was perfect for a fall tournament September 16-18, 2011 in Traverse City. Ten PASS teams attended. A hospitality tent was set up for players and families to grab a snack between games.



The U9 Girls took 1st place in their division!



The U12 Boys took 2nd place in their division!





Soccer Tryouts



For spring 2012 - Boys U15-U19

Teams will be formed for the spring 2012 soccer season to play in the competitive GVSA league in and around Grand Rapids. For updated information please visit our website www.pass-fc.com

FIRST tryout date:

Sunday, November 6, 2011, 2:30-4pm
Northview High School turf field

MAKE-UP tryouts:

Make up tryouts will be posted on our website after the 1st tryouts.

Teams will be formed on the first night of tryouts, but if you were unable to make the FIRST tryout you should contact Ed Farnsworth to get your name on the list of players interested in the teams. Make-up tryouts will be for any spot left on the teams' rosters.

WHAT TO BRING:

Soccer ball, water and registration form

(Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in & get your tryout number)

COACHES: check PASS-FC.com for Coaches bios

U15/16: Kenny Bieri

U17/19: Matt Galloway

If there is enough interest in a third team, another coach will be appointed.

REGISTRATION THIS YEAR:

Team Registration information will be given to the boys at tryouts if they make the team. Parents are asked to turn in ALL the registration papers and the player fees by the deadline given on the handout. Uniforms are ordered online at www.gazellesports.com If you have questions please email them to passcamp@yahoo.com Or call Ed Farnsworth 616-363-1120 or JoAnne VanSlooten 616-363-8247

Player Name _____ Age _____ Tryout# _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone (s) _____

Parents Name _____ email _____

Birth date _____ Grade _____ School _____

I give my son permission to attend the PASS-FC select/elite tryout. We will not hold PASS-FC or the facility responsible for any injury that may occur during this tryout.

Parent signature _____

Understanding Youth Soccer Refereeing by John Corbett USSF Referee, Assignor, Instructor, Assessor

Soccer is a contact sport. Each player brings to the game height, weight, speed, skill, and a willingness to accept some amount of physical contact. Coaches choose players in order to make the most advantageous use of those differences. And under the best of circumstances, players aren't always able to control their bodies. When a shorter or thinner player comes into contact with a taller or heavier player, the shorter/thinner player will usually be moved. Not every fall over a foot is a trip (a foul), and not every bump is a push (a foul).

Except for the penalty kick, and kick-off, the ball is never placed in the exact spot to start play. When the ball goes out over the touch line, people rarely agree where it exactly went out. There are two yards leeway where a throw-in can legally occur. Taking a bit more distance, or not having both feet touch the ground, rarely gives a demonstrable advantage to the thrower.

Kids do not enjoy the game when every mistake results in a whistle. Some mistakes do not matter to them, or the game. Frequently the kids find pride and satisfaction in working through a foul. The referee is not taught to stop play for every foul. If a foul occurs, but is minor or

trifling, the referee should not stop play. The referee may allow play to continue with a word to the offender, or a more public display by signaling "play-on!"

Parents, coaches and players may have 6 days between games to practice. The referee does not have any "practice" days. Each game is a "practice" and a "final performance" combined. Referees will make mistakes, and learn from them. The younger refs are a lot like the players. Just as a player does not want a whistle with each apparent mistake, the referee does not want to be yelled at each time. Some of the players' mistakes do not make a difference, and some of the referee's mistakes do not make a difference in the game either. New referees start out working the younger games (u11, 10, 9 and 8). Realize that yelling at referee (whether you are right or not) rarely results in improved performance. The young referee will usually withdraw, and be unwilling to risk much at all. Keep in mind you will likely see the referee again, and want him to start anew- not apprehensive. Help the referee focus on the game by not distracting him. Coaches know when and how to talk to the referees. Let them do it if they think it needs to be done at all.

10-Year Celebration Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to the 10-year Celebration **GRAND PRIZE** Raffle winner - **Emma Yoder!** Emma is the daughter of Jen and Brandon Yoder. She started playing soccer for PASS 4 years ago as a U9 player. At U10 she started playing for Hawks GR. Her 2 younger sisters also play for PASS/Hawks; Claire is on the U7/8 PASS team and Bryn is on the U10 Hawks team. The family will receive a \$400 refund on their 2011/12 player fees.

Wacky Wednesday drawing winners so far are:

WEEK 1: **Isabella Notarnicola** U10 Girls - PASS Backpack and **Madeylen Hudgens** U9 Girls - Dinner for 2 at Noodles & Co., WEEK 2: **Rebecca Lehtinen** U10 Girls - Michigan Soccer Gift Bag and **Tommy Shearer** U11 Boys Blue - Soccer Ball and PASS jersey, WEEK 3: **Acacia Meyer** U9 Girls - PASS Backpack and **Lily Dourette** U8 Girls - Soccer Ball and PASS jersey. There are 2 more weeks left in the season which means 4 more winners!

Hawks Have Great Showing at the Capitol Area Classic September 17-18, 2011

The Hawks U10 team went 3-0 in the U10 Gold Division with a total of 10 points scored and 4 against in all three games. The U10 age bracket included 19 teams broken into 5 divisions. A great team effort by all players!



The Hawks U12 team went 4-0 in the U12 Silver Division with 8 teams in that division, with scores of 7-2, 11-0, and 9-0 in regular play, and winning the championship game 6-2. The teamwork and ball possession was amazing! Way to go girls!

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Member of Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA)
and Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA)

The PASS Mission:

to provide challenging opportunities for young people of diverse backgrounds to learn and develop life-enhancing values and behaviors through the sport of soccer. These values and behaviors include: teamwork, honesty, respect, confidence, integrity, character, trust, communication, responsibility and perseverance.

PASS Organization Directory

Executive Director/Registrar

JoAnne VanSlooten - 363-8247

President

Mark VanSlooten - 363-8247

Treasurer

Jenny Tepastte - 447-2035

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Nanette Larson - 361-8162

Board Members:

Bob Anaya - 863-6543

Gloria Campbell - 363-4838

Sarah De Shane - 361-8836

Steve Robbins - 364-6204

Brad Warmuskerken - 363-7938

Camp Coordinator: Jill Farnsworth - 363-1120

Fall Kick-Off Chairperson: OPEN

Field & Equipment:

Northview: Nathan Mayhew - 723-1931

Sunshine: Rob DeShane - 361-8836

Field Scheduler: OPEN

Juniors Program: Donna Robbins - 364-6204

Newsletter & Website: Gloria Campbell - 363-4838

Printing & Editing: Donna Robbins - 364-6204

Registrar: JoAnne VanSlooten - 363-8247

Registrar Assistant: OPEN

Spirit Wear: Rhonda Carpenter - 361-9785

Sponsor Coordinator: OPEN

TM Liaison & Risk Management:

Gloria Campbell - 363-4838

Tournament Coordinator: OPEN

Translator: Bob Anaya - 863-6543

Tryout Administrator: Jill and Ed Farnsworth - 363-1120

Uniforms: Sarah DeShane - 361-8836

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Registrar Assistant - this person will assist our registrar with paperwork collection and data entry to properly register players with our club and league.

Sponsor Coordinator - Coordinator will compile the data from businesses who sponsor PASS/Wolves Hawks and see that they receive advertisement on our website, t-shirts, newsletter, etc. Also will send the businesses thank-you notes and correspondence from our club that have their business' name in publications such as the newsletter and brochure.

Fundraiser Coordinator - This person will coordinate a yearly fundraising effort which will help us to maintain our fees in spite of ever-increasing expenses.

Board Members - Board members attend one meeting per month, vote on financial and other matters regarding club operation, help out at tryouts/registration night and fulfill other volunteer opportunities as necessary.

Field Scheduler - We are in need of someone to handle the entire field scheduling for PASS/Wolves-Hawks. This person would secure field contracts for practice and games and coordinate with coaches for needs on field space, game reschedules, etc. This person would oversee all field scheduling aspects of the club and assist our Fields person with pre-season set up/painting/goal prep, etc. as needed.

Referee Assignor Liaison - Responsibilities of this person include communicating with referee assignors to assure that all PASS/Wolves Hawks games have referee coverage.

Juniors Program Volunteers - helpers are needed on first night registration to check in children and assign them to coaches and helpers.

Logo Mugs for sale!

\$10

Send an email to
gbcampbell@comcast.net



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