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Mission Statement- To develop and deliver quality youth sports programs through the involvement of local schools and volunteers dedicated to building character through participation in a fun, family environment based on the Dads' Club philosophy.

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Our Philosophy Statement: We will make our game fun for our players, not a glory for ourselves. We will, by our actions and attitudes, practice true sportsmanship, remembering that by example we are teaching the young players to win with humility and lose gracefully. We will strive to teach the skills of the game with patience and understanding. We will praise when deserved and encourage, not condemn, when a mistake is made. We will remember that the feelings and welfare of our players are far more important than the outcome of any game.

Have something you want to know or read about in a future newsletter? Send story ideas to us at davdcsport@netexpress.net.

Meet the Board Members

Scott Anderson- President- Has been involved with Dad's club as a coach for several years and is currently the board president. Scott is a native of central Iowa (Nevada) and has lived in the Quad Cities for 15 years. Outside of work Scott enjoys, music, golf, chess, home brewing and spending time with his family.

Rhonda Mastin- Vice President- I work for McLaughlin Body Co. as a payroll clerk and in accounts payable. My husband's name is Roger, we have 2 children Ryan 13 and Rochelle 11. Our hobbies are softball, sand volleyball and walleyball. I have been involved with Dads' Club since 2003, in many roles school coordinator, coach, and league coordinator.

Melissa Wagner- Treasurer- Melissa lives in Davenport with her fiancé and two children. She works full time at John Deere as well as part time for her fiancé's company- Midwest Pest Management. As well as the Dad's Club she is a Parental Advisor on the Lincoln Academy of Integrated Arts Council and participates with her family in many community events.

Dave Frutiger- Secretary -Lived his whole life in Davenport. Has been the soccer coordinator at Wilson School for the past four years. He has coached soccer, softball, and basketball for his four grandchildren at one time or another. He enjoys watching the kids progress in learning how to play the games. David is married to Natalie and has 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Nancy Dirschel- Youth Sports Director- Married with 6 children and 2 grandchildren. Have been with Dads' Club for 9 years. Love hanging out with friends, walking my labradoodle and hope that 'next year' the Cubs will go all the way!

Message from our President

Another season of soccer is behind us and the results have been outstanding. The main purpose of Dad's club is to give our children a place to participate in sports without all of pressures of competitive sports. I feel that we have again accomplished this mission and provided a positive and constructive environment for over 1900 community youth to participate in athletics. On behalf of Dad's club I would like to thank all of the coaches, referees, coordinators, parents, staff and players who made the season a success.
Scott



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From the Director-

Christopher Anderson, author of *Will You Still Love Me If I Don't Win?* tells a compelling story about a young competitive swimmer who was so nervous he threw up before every competitive event. This swimmer's dad attended all practices with a clipboard and two stopwatches around his neck.

Christopher asked the boy if he was concerned that his dad might be disappointed in him if he didn't do well. The boy thought so. Then he asked this child if he thought his dad might stop loving him if he didn't continue to improve. After a long pause, he admitted, "I don't know."

Christopher acknowledged to this child how scary it must be to not know, scary enough to make him feel sick to this stomach before a race. With Christopher nearby for support, this child agreed to ask his dad if he would still love him if he didn't swim fast enough.

As the boy, with his head down, asked his dad this question, the father's face went from stunned surprise to sadness. He glanced at Christopher and then reached out and just held his son.

Parents sometimes have no idea the degree of influence they are having on their children. Children are in tune to the feelings and expectations of their parents, coaches and other spectators. They understand the underlying messages and can read body language.

So what can we do? First we need to become **SPECTATORS** rather than participants. We need to sit down, cheer positively and enjoy what our child is accomplishing by merely stepping foot onto the playing field. Secondly, we need to consider what we are saying or doing, whether consciously or unconsciously. Are you saying I approve of you more when you play well or when you win or are you saying I'm proud of you for participating and giving it your all.

Above all, make sure your children know before and after their game, they are loved and valued for simply being who they are, not because of what they were or were not able to accomplish on the field.

Nancy Dirschel
Youth Sports Director

Letter from the Editor-

Welcome to the fall edition of the *Davenport Associated Dads' Club Newsletter!* In today's busy world, communication is often the key to success or failure. This newsletter was developed to bring Dads' Club closer to the community, coaches, coordinators, participants and their families, and to inform you of events that affect the children who participate in this organization.

The goal of the Dads' Club Association is to provide a wholesome, healthful, FUN way to learn a sport, teamwork and sportsmanship and most importantly, to make new friends and have **FUN!** Fun is a key word in Dads' Club activities. Often parents and coaches put too much emphasis on the competitive aspects of sports— as highlighted by our director in her statement above. While competition is healthy and necessary, pushing kids too much will often turn them against sports, especially in the younger age groups.

If you have a topic of interest please submit it to davdcsport@netexpress.net for consideration.

Melissa Wagner
Editor/ Treasurer