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*Fields for Today,
Fields for Tomorrow*

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Field Project Update

There is much progress since our last newsletter. After years of negotiating and re-negotiating with our neighbors, we finally have our road easement agreement signed and recorded. We've obtained a road access permit from the County, and thanks to Black Hills Properties' donation of \$1,500, we hired Ron Wells to clear the easement for our road. Pat Shea, a local surveyor agreed to donate his time surveying the road and property. When the survey work is done, our engineer will design the road and submit for permitting. We are committed to have the road installed before summer. To accomplish this, we are counting on donations. So far, Mike and Stefanie Parsons agreed to donate some gravel for the project from their gravel company, Marine View Gravel in Tacoma. The stipulation for this



Ron Wells & Son Road clearing



Road Clearing Project

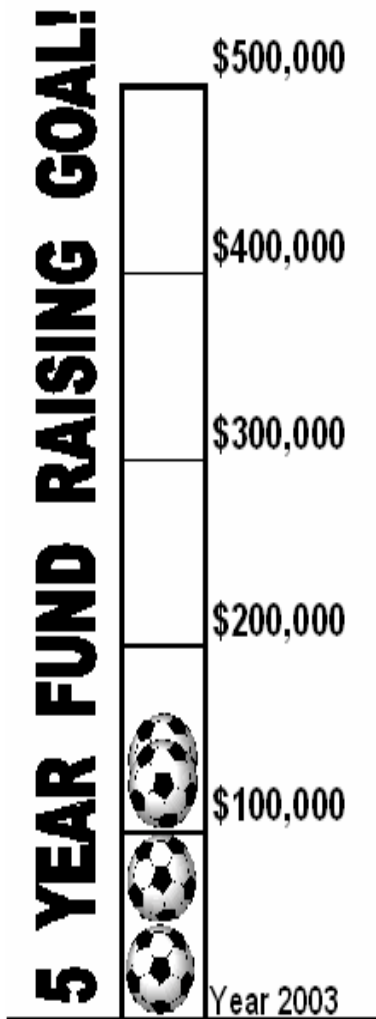
donation is that we will be responsible for hauling. Brian Fluetsch from Sunset Air will contribute some toward this endeavor, but we need help contacting haulers willing to donate or reduce their fee to haul gravel from Tacoma to Olympia. We also need leads on other companies willing to donate and deliver gravel and/or asphalt, and businesses to assist with clearing more of the site. Once the road and parking area is installed, we will be in business, focusing on the most important part of the project---fields! Our goal is to have at a minimum 2 fields in by this fall.

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FIVE YEAR CASH CONTRIBUTION DRIVE



2004 was the second year of a 5-year fund-raising drive to raise \$500,000 in cash contributions for the Blackhills Community Soccer Complex. The purpose of this drive is to pay off the land and begin the initial stages of development; this would include a paved access road, stage 1 of the parking area, and 2 or 3 fields. As the “thermometer” to the right shows, we have raised about \$167,000 to date. This money has come from the annual Soccer Ball (about 71%), donations from the Blackhills Football Club (about 10%), donations to our 400x\$1,000 drive (about 17%), and other miscellaneous donations. *We thank everyone who has so generously donated.*

Almost \$60,000 was raised in 2004 making it our most successful fund-raising year ever! We need to continue the momentum from 2004 and set a new record in 2005.

Please help us meet this challenge by considering a donation to our 400x\$1,000 program in 2005 (see list of previous contributors listed elsewhere in the newsletter). If you know of any friend, relative, or small business owner who might be interested in contributing to this project please contact them, or have us contact them. As with previous contributors to this drive, all donors of \$1,000 or more will receive permanent recognition on the “Wall of Fame” at the Soccer Complex.

THANK YOU 400 x \$1000 Program Contributors!!

The following represents all donations to this program:

[Tumwater Youth Soccer Club](#) \$4,000
 Rich and Flora Pallechio \$3,200
 Herb Reeves \$2,000
 Dean Stohl RE/MAX Four Seasons \$2,000
 Dennis and Toni Crisp \$2,000
[Wembley Soccer Shop](#) \$1,500
 Dwain and Susan Friedlander \$1,500
 Arnie Aksdal \$1,000
 Paul and Bonnie Bunning \$1,000
 Katie Thompson Buechel \$1,000
 Rick Buechel \$1,000
 James and Connie Charette \$1,000

Richard and Beth Jones \$1,000
 Evelyn and Don Larsen \$1,000
 Keith and Sharon Lutz \$1,000
 Stephen Maddox \$1,000
 Robert and Marion McIntosh \$1,000
 William and Johanna Mitchell \$1,000
 Scott and Paula Nelson \$1,000
 Joseph Dear and Leslie Owen \$1,000
 Sue and Dave Richards \$1,000
[Blackhills Football Club](#) 2001 Girls U19 Team \$1,250
 Blackhills Football Club 2002 Girls U12 Team \$1,000
 Blackhills Football Club 2002 Girls U12 Team \$ 905

Combined Fund Drive Contributions

This past fall board member Tawni Sharp attended four charity fairs sponsored by the Washington State employees Combined Fund Drive which were held at the Tumwater L & I Building, Lacey Huntamer Park, the Capitol Campus and the Ecology Building in Lacey. Several hundred State employees dropped by our grassed trimmed table covered with newsletters, magnets and a drawing of the complex to inquire about the soccer complex. Many different questions were asked and answered, but many of those who stopped expressed their own experiences with soccer

field shortages both past and present. Most could relate to our pain.

We have not received notification from the Combined Fund Drive Office as to the contributions that have been made or pledged for this year, 2005, but I am hopeful that we will at least double the \$847.83 we received in 2004 from the Combined Fund Drive.

It not to late to sign up and start your own payroll deduction through your payroll liaison at your office if you are a State Employee. If you have questions, please feel free to call Tawni Sharp at 866-7067.

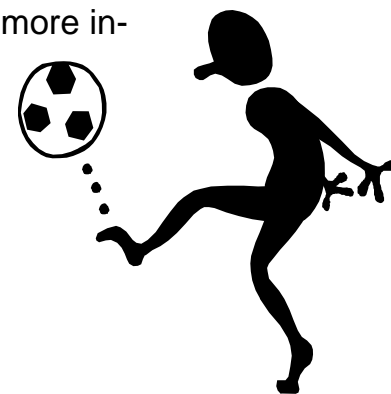
Vehicle Donations:

Donation of a [used car](#), boat, motorcycle, trailer, or RV can be made through NW Charity Donation Services. Contributions to this organization are sold through live auction and the proceeds, minus a small percentage for costs, are distributed to the Blackhills Community Soccer Complex. For more information go to: [Northwest Charity Donation Service](#)

Treasurer's Report:

After a successful Soccer Ball we were able to begin 2005 with a little over \$28,000 in the bank. This is enough to make our March land payment of \$13,000 and first half of the 2005 property taxes of over \$2,100. Since the first of the year we have received \$253 from the 2004 fourth quarter Combined Fund Drive and another \$300 in contributions to the field project. We are committed to the following estimated expenses: September property payment

\$13,000; Property taxes \$3,800; Insurance \$2,282; and Engineering and permitting fees of approximately \$10,000. When you add our 2005 "must pay" list you will see we are short over \$18,000. In addition, the estimate for our share of the road installation without donations of materials and services is \$80,000. Please Help: tell your friends, neighbors and relatives about this project. Our kids need fields to play on.



Corporate/Business/Individual Presentations:

Bob and Dee are ready, willing and able to meet with businesses, both large and small, and individuals willing or considering getting involved in our project. They can present data to support how this project benefits the community, as well as the recognition donors would receive for their donation. Our goal is to have the most significant donations displayed on the outside wall of our concession building which will also have an office and restrooms.

A significant donation is a contribution of \$10,000 or more or a similar contribution of goods and services. Our 400x\$1000 donations will be displayed on our "wall of fame" display near this concession facility, as will all other donations meeting the threshold. All visitors to the complex will see these displays. We need you to talk to people and put us in touch with possible interested parties.



BHCSC Welcomes Dee Ragsdale to our Board:

Dee Ragsdale recently joined our Board as the Blackhills FC Representative. She is enthusiastic about the project and has an interest in helping with solicitation. This is one of our biggest needs and we are pleased to have Dee on board. When asked why she would like to be a board member Dee's comment was "my children have been playing soccer in the Olympia area since 1991. They have played on fields full of potholes, mud and exposed sprinkler heads. I joined the BHCSC Board to work toward safe fields for the young soccer players in our community." Her first assignment was the Annual Report. Dee spent a great deal of time putting this document together.

Scott Rehm, our Tumwater Soccer Club representative and Tawni Sharp, our Treasurer, recommitted to their positions as their terms expired. We are thrilled they both have agreed to stay involved.

Annual Report

We believe that each of our families knows someone who can help in some way. Even the smallest effort can make a huge difference in the success of our project

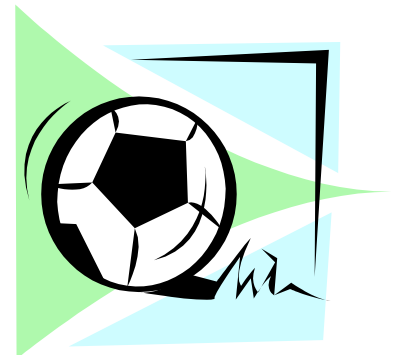
Our first ever annual report has been prepared and is available for viewing on line at our new website www.bhsoccercomplex.org. You can also access our site through the Blackhills FC website. We envision using this document as a tool for discussion with potential contributors as well as a way to recognize project supporters. If you would like a printed copy please contact a board member.

How To Get Involved & Be a Part of the Solution:

There are many ways to get involved. You can do your own thing and contact us with your success story and donation; or to coordinate advertisement of your fundraiser or event. Emily Cotey, a member of the Blackhills Girls U12 team, organized a garage sale with some of her teammates and raised \$334.86 for the complex. They wanted to do something and decided this was something they could do to help.

Some of the ways you can help are as follows:

- Find businesses and/or individuals willing to donate
- Find clubs or organizations willing to donate
- Contact people you know with the skills needed to develop the fields
- Donate cash
- Donate time
- Help with the upcoming Soccer Ball
- Talk to people you know and see if they know someone or are willing to help



Are you tired of not knowing where your games & practices will be held until the last minute?

This seemed to be an even bigger problem this year, if that is possible. For those of us who are soccer sideline veterans this would be hard to imagine, but believe it! At one point in the season we had NO PRACTICE FIELDS. The Blackhills Director of Fields drove around and asked local churches if we could practice in their grassy area. It was so bad that she even found field space for other soccer organizations. Many teams practiced in baseball fields after the baseball season was complete. The Wa-He-Lute School even allowed their grassy area to be used for a few teams.

If you are tired of this you can do something to solve the problem and get our fields up and running.

For those of us who have raised wonderful adults as a result of choosing soccer as their positive activity, you can help and make a difference in future adults' lives. I have heard many people say this headache is a factor in their decision whether to continue in soccer. A factor that shouldn't be....

How Can You Help Solve the Ever-Growing field Crisis in Our Area?

The biggest thing you can do right now is get involved! Talk to people, at work, school, everywhere. You might be surprised to find that someone you know, knows someone who works for a business that could provide material or services critically needed in developing this complex. Please don't delay, help today!

Goods and Services Donations Needed in 2005:

Bulldozers and Heavy Equipment/Operators are needed NOW
Gravel Haulers will be needed as early as March or as late as May
Gravel Donations NOW
Asphalt donation needed in May---This would involve multiple business contributions

Laborers Needed March-May
Turf donations -- summer season
Sprinkler equipment --summer season
Sprinkler installers --summer season
Soil and soil additives---summer season



Get a Kick out of helping

Goods and Services Donations to Date:

Tom McDonald and Perkins Coie LLP
Randy DeAtley and Quality Rock
Scott Manke and Manke Lumber Co.
Steve Chamberlain, CA Engineering Services
Dwain Friedlander and DBM Construction
Jason Halvorsen, Properties Plus Inc.
Robert Drohl, Landscape Architect
Alex Young, Architect

Justin Lucero, Graphics Designer (LOGO)
Chuck Wilson, Equipment Operator
Ken Michael, Ken's Auction Services
Tom Jones, Auction Service
Stacy Crain, Equipment Operator
James Charette, Equipment Operator

Capital Budget Appropriation Proposal for Blackhills Community Soccer Complex:

Vicki Austin, our registered lobbyist, has prepared a Capital Budget Appropriation for \$300,000 for the soccer complex project. Capital Budget Appropriations have been established for community projects like this. The following is a message from Vicki:

We are working on securing an appropriation from the WA State Capital Budget to assist in the development of the soccer complex. I need each and every one of you to assist me by contacting your legislator and asking them to advocate for this appropriation.

Please craft a personal email which identifies yourself as a constituent. If you can remember stories about the effect of not having fields available i.e.: practicing in cement play sheds, school gymnasiums, playing games on unsafe fields, etc. that will add to the effectiveness of your communication. In addition, please take the opportunity in your email to point out the economic benefit of this type of complex.

Another important message is that even though the facility itself is located in the 20th district, kids from Thurston, Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor county will all take advantage of it.

How to find your legislators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

This funding could make all the difference for our project, we have been having difficulties fundraising and these funds would give the project a much needed boost. We encourage any and all reading this newsletter to send emails encouraging support of this funding. If you are a past soccer parent, current soccer parent, past player, or receiving this newsletter as a supporter, or a past contributor please help! The more contacts these legislators receive the more support they will give, it is not a myth, numbers count.

Soccer Ball 2004 Report

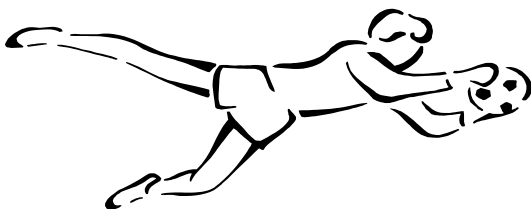
The 4th Annual Soccer Ball was held on October 30, 2004. Approximately 279 people attended—not our biggest crowd, but definitely the best!

This Soccer Ball was the best ever in terms of dollars raised and atmosphere. The evening, despite the fund-raising focus, was quite enjoyable. Cortney Kelley acted as MC and did an excellent job of getting people involved and keeping the evening upbeat and on schedule, she definitely exceeded our high expectations! Cortney and Ken Michael, the auctioneer, were an awesome team---the live auction was fun and entertaining.

We raised over \$24,000 in the live auction and our total profit, after expenses, was a little over \$34,000! This was the largest amount raised by a Soccer Ball.

There were 5 donations of \$1,000. Ken also asked for pledges in \$25.00 lots. There were so many paddles up with hands signaling the number of \$25.00 donations that I nearly

The band Igneous Rocks was fabulous; the dance floor was packed up until time to go home. They played 3 hours of non-stop music.



2004 Soccer Ball update, continued

What is especially noteworthy is the number of people whose children have moved on and are no longer a part of the club, but continue to donate time, items, and attend the Soccer Ball. We are so fortunate to continue to receive their support and do not take their generosity for granted.

We want to continue to attract folks from outside the club to attend the event and expand our mailing list please help us with this, it will only increase our success.

The next soccer ball is scheduled for Saturday October 29th, 2005 at the Red Lion Hotel.

Planning is under way, if you are interested in helping please let us know! You can send a note to the PO Box, or call Kim at 491-9603 or email dcross1264@comcast.net

Soccer Ball Contributors:

<i>Individuals and Businesses Donating Goods or Services to Consecutive Soccer Balls</i>		
A Touch of Bisque	Jeff and Tawni Sharp	SaraBet
Albertson's Food	Joseph and Leslie Wheeler	Sears
All Star Ford	Juli Cady, Extro	Shelton Cinemas
Anna's Sewing & Crafts	Kasey Keller	Starbuck's Coffee Co.
Anthony's HomePort	Kim and David Cross	Stevens Restaurant
Artistic Talents Styling Salon,	Kluh G.L. Jewelers	Streamside Anglers Fly Fishing
Gloria Zvirzdys	L & E Bottling Co.	Sunset Air
Artistry in Flowers	Les Nail Spa	Sweet Chiropractic
Bob and Micki Conrad	Linnea Comstock, Comstock	Sweet Pea Catering
Bob McLucas	Physical Therapy	Tags Trophies
Brigg's YMCA	Lynch Creek Florists	Terri Butler
Capital Business Machines	Marino's Fine Jewelry	Terroso Studios
Capital Playhouse	Mason Jar	The Guardsman
Capitol City Golf Club	Megan Hubbard	The Ivy Trellis
Chris Sharp	Merle Norman Cosmetics	The Tux Shop
Coca Cola Bottling Co.	Mike Davis	Tina Painton, Nintendo
Corinne Newman	Northwest Ballet	Tom and Lore Munson-Cox
Country Hideaway Antiques	NW Decorative Painting Co.,	Tom and Selinda Deming
Dale Johnson	Joni Baker and Jacki Nelson	Tumwater Awards
Deer Creek Awards	Olive Garden Restaurant	Tumwater Sports Center
Dirty Dave's Pizza	Olympia Country and Golf Club	Tumwater Toy Shoppe
El Sarape	Olympia Lighting Center	Tumwater Valley Bar and Grill
First Community Bank	Ornamental Stone Inc.	Tumwater Valley Golf
First Tee Golf Center	Outback Steakhouse	Vicki Pogorelc
Gardner's Seafood and Pasta	Papa Murphy's Pizza	Vince and Jane Eusterman
Gary's Tux Shops	Patrick's Carpet One	Walmart, Shelton
Gordon's Garden Center	Pellegrino's Restaurant	Washington Center for the Performing Arts
Grandpa Philip Kelley	Petco	Wells Fargo
Hands On Children's Museum	Phoenix Inn	Wembley Soccer Academy
Heirloom Gardens	ProActive SportsMed	Wembley Soccer Shop
Heritage Bank	Reel Photography, Cortney Kelley	Western Meat Co.
Helen Helson, Panorama City	Red Lion Hotel	Weyerhaeuser Co.
Hill's Hallmark	Salewsky Jewelry, Barb Salewsky	Wild Waves
Hoodsport Winery		William Winden
House of Roses		Wind Up Here
Jean Pierre's Garden Room		Xinhs Clam and Oyster House

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*Mission: To Develop, Maintain, and Operate a Quality
Soccer Complex benefiting the South Sound Soccer Community*



[Http://www.blackhillsfc.org/fielddev.htm](http://www.blackhillsfc.org/fielddev.htm)

The Blackhills Community Soccer Complex is a non-profit entity recognized by the Washington State Secretary of State's Office and the Internal Revenue Service. Our Board of Directors and volunteers in the community are working together to develop a quality soccer complex in south Thurston County.

Our Bylaws provide for an efficient structure to maintain and operate this facility (once developed) and to provide the youth in our community with safe, quality soccer fields to be enjoyed indefinitely.

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