

FABTASTIC FOOTBALL FRENZY

The Summer Soccer Football frenzy has gone extremely well this season with exactly 60 children signing-up and taking part. Many of our existing players enjoyed this extension to the season and several new players have signed-up to the club as a result of taking part.

Thanks to parents and helpers who supported the seven sessions, more than half of which were very very wet, causing an alteration of what was on offer during the session! All the more impressive then how many of the children turned up week-after-week despite the weather. All in all seems everyone made the best of the bad weather and had a great time. **Well done to all.**

AWARDS FOR ALL

Despite yet another gloomy wet day on Sunday July 15th Stretton Red Rovers managed to brighten things up with a very successful afternoon 'free for all' of indoor games and refreshments. Almost 90 people were present as the fun and games session turned to the serious matter of player awards.

Over 40 main awards were presented by the Chairman, Martin Watts, and vice-Chair Ed van Doesburg, to eligible players, in addition to many personal medals and certificates. The Orleton U12s 7-a-side winners trophy was also available for all to see.

Season reviews were given by Karl Bartl (U13s) and Dino Koufou (U10s) followed by an impressive and amusing digital presentation from Joe Leask (U8s). The Chairman filled in additional information and expressed his delight in Stretton Red Rovers, only in existence for 2½ seasons, coming of age as a club, becoming the first choice for new players and also starting to win trophies.

Everyone was thanked for their support of the club, the 'frenzy', the teams and events over the season with special mention of Karl and Dawn Bartl, Jane van Doesburg and Tanya Evans for the Bingo and New Year party events, and Hazel & Jake Watts for helping to organise and set-up the awards evening.



The trophy haul for some



JOIN THE REDS

If you have recently shown interest in playing, training or joining Stretton Red Rovers - but you haven't got hold of, or completed, the relevant forms then you might have some with this newsletter. If not then try contacting Chairman Martin Watts direct on 01694 723543 (24hr answerphone) or look on the website for information/forms etc. www.redrovers.org.uk

OR email
contact@redrovers.org.uk

WE'VE GOT BALLS TOURNAMENTS FOR ALL

Stretton Red Rovers fans will do almost anything to get their hands on the new club footballs!

We have already taken stock of 20 new customised balls sporting the club logo and they seem to be very popular with the players. We are now looking to add another 50 to the collection so there are plenty to go around at training sessions!



Following the success of the recent summer tournaments at Orleton and Craven Arms it was disappointing not to be able to take part in the Wigmore tournament too (due to late responses from members!) So let's try to make sure as many players as possible get to take part in the tournament on Sunday 2nd September.

If you are available to play on Sept 2nd (last Sunday before back to school) please, as a matter of urgency, contact Martin and place yourself on the list. A decision whether to enter teams has to be made **very shortly** - so don't be too late in responding. Every player in the club (and those about to join) is eligible but places may well be limited, so it's first come first served again - your delay might mean **no-one** gets to play!

SPONSORS NEEDED

As a young club we are still looking for sponsors of our teams and activities. We are very grateful for the continued support of Polymer Laboratories who are again sponsoring the senior team shirts (U13s) this season. We would like sponsors for all teams if possible - can you suggest any?

In addition to team shirts we can also look for sponsors for the website, the club in general, and possibly awards for next season. . . as you know the committee will be looking into new special awards for team/club "Player of the Season", "Most Improved Player" and "Team/Club Commitment" - it would be great if these were named trophies e.g. "The McCartneys Player of the Season Cup" - if you think you know where we might find support **please let Martin know.**

2007-2008 SEASON MATCHPLAY

Under 8s : will initially be playing friendly matches with a view to entering the league in its' second phase. This gives new players a chance to 'bed in' nicely before more regular action takes place. **Under 9s and Under 11s** : are straight into the South Shropshire leagues, both teams playing 7-a-side for 25-mins each way. No offside, rolling substitutions, and a squad of 10 are allowed to take part in each match. Home matches will be played in Church Stretton either on Russell's Meadow or at the school. **Under 13s** : will again be in the league and playing home games at the Comp School. Moving from U12s to U13s sees the match time increase from 30 to 35mins each way - so fitness and training attendance will be more important this season - **all players take note!**

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TRAINING

Under 8s & Under 9s
Will be having one or two pre-season coaching sessions during August. Dates/times are to be confirmed with you ASAP - please make every possible effort to attend if you can. 'Official' training re-starts on September 4th from 3.30-4.30 on the school playing field.

Under 11s & Under 13s
It seems there is enough demand to continue training sessions throughout the summer on Friday evenings from 6.00-6.30pm. Obviously some of you can't make them all due to vacation and other commitments. Many players need these extra sessions - it will give them a head start to next season - try your best to make some of the sessions. 'Official' training re-starts on Friday 31st August from 6.00-7.30 on the school playing fields in preparation for the Sept 2nd Tournament.