



Welcome to the JP Stevens Back of the Net Club!

Dear Parent/Guardian of a 2009/2010 JP Stevens Boys Soccer player,

Congratulations to your player for making a JP Stevens Soccer team, and welcome to The Back of the Net Club. We are the parents' organization dedicated to benefit players on the JP Stevens Boys Soccer teams.

The club raises funds and organizes events to serve all the boys on the Freshman, JV and Varsity soccer teams, including:

- Annual Trip to an MLS Red Bulls Soccer Game - October 24th
- Annual Soccer Recognition Banquet - December, Date TBA
- Community Service "Skills & Drills" Clinic for Grades K-8 Soccer Players - Sept 30th
- Senior Recognition Night - Oct 28th
- Player Awards and Senior Scholarships
- New Uniforms and Equipment not covered in the School Budget

The Methods Used By The Club To Raise Funds Are:

- **Membership Dues** - Membership in the club is automatic to the families of all rostered players. Dues are \$30 per player. Dues are mandatory for all players' families.
- **Player Car Wash** - Scheduled for Saturday Aug 22nd. All players (Freshman, JV & Varsity) are expected to participate. Parents are asked to participate by helping to keep the boys organized and to collect donations from our car wash patrons.
- **Snack Bar Support** - The BOTN Club runs the JP Stevens Snack Bar during evening and weekend home games. Assistance in the snack bar for two games is mandatory for Varsity parents, but other parent and family volunteers are kindly requested to help out. Stella Knill is Snack Bar Coordinator this year (THANK YOU STELLA!!!).

- **Candy Sale** - All players are expected to bring a check to the Aug 22nd car wash for \$60, made out to "The Back of the Net Club". If you forgot to pay at pick-up, please pay by check quickly (by Sept 4th) as the bill is due. Susan Kashan is Candy Sale Coordinator this year (THANK YOU SUSAN!!!!). Checks may be mailed to her at 21 Jonathan Dr. Edison, N.J. 08820 or given to the Coach.
- **Canning Events** - The club will hold two canning events, a player event and a parent event (Dates TBA). All players (Freshman, JV and Varsity) are expected to participate in the player event. The players can just outside the Inman Grove Stop & Shop entrances. Parents volunteer to supervise. A \$25 opt out fee is available to both parents and players for their canning event, but participation is greatly appreciated and preferred. We also have extra candy if someone wants to sell extra (\$60) in lieu of parent canning. This offer is "first-come first serve" until the candy supply runs out.
- **Team Poster Ads & Boosters** - A poster of the Varsity, JV & Freshman teams is created every season. Look at the team web site for all prior year posters. Business advertising and parent boosters are included on the posters. Please encourage your business partners, friends and family to support the teams with advertising and boosters. **Very Important: A Team Poster Ad & Booster Coordinator is urgently needed to solicit ads from local businesses, many of whom support Hawks Soccer every year. Please contact the Club secretary, Linda El-Fakir, or Coach McMullen, if you can help us by volunteering for this position.**

Club Organized Events

The Back of the Net Club works very hard to celebrate our players, their accomplishments and the game of soccer. To this end, the club organizes the following annual events for the benefit of our players.

- **Major League Soccer Red Bull Game** - The Club will hold an outing to a Red Bull soccer game at Giant Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ on October 24th, 2009. **Tickets are free to players and coaches.** The Girls Soccer team will attend the same game. Parents, family and friends are invited to join us and tailgate before the game. Discounted tickets can be ordered through the club. **ALL Players will be required to RSVP by October 1, 2008.** It's always a fun outing, so please make it a priority on your calendar to attend!
- **Skills & Drills Clinic for Grades K-8 Players** - This community service event will be held on Sept 30th at Spencer Rockman Field in Edison from 6-8 pm (raindate Oct 2nd). EUSA and other Edison soccer players will be invited to attend and spend an evening training with the JPS Hawks. **The Clinic is FREE to all participants and is a great opportunity for our high school players to help encourage younger players in the sport.** Community service certificates are granted to all players for participation in the event.

- **Senior Recognition Night** - At the last nighttime home game of the season (Oct 28th), graduating senior members of the varsity team and their parents are invited onto the field for recognition of the players' accomplishments and as a thank you to their parents for their contributions to JP Stevens Soccer and their players. Players and parents from all teams are encouraged to attend this event.
- **The Annual JP Stevens Soccer Recognition Banquet** - Held in December, at an Edison banquet location, the event celebrates the accomplishments of the Freshman, JV and Varsity teams. During the evening, the team coaches introduce the players to the audience, graduating seniors are recognized, and JV & Varsity letters and team participation certificates are awarded. **The dinner and evening are free to all the players and their coaches.** Parents, family and friends are invited to join the celebration and applaud our players. Tickets to the banquet are 35\$. All Players will be required to RSVP. Please make every effort to attend!

Note:

All Payments to the Back of the Net Club are by check. The check serves as your paid receipt.

Please notate on ALL checks you submit to the Back of the Net Club, what you are paying for and write your son's FULL NAME on the check.

2009/2010 Back of the Net Club Officers, Coordinators and Advisors

- **President** - Manny Montalbano (mmontalb@optonline.net)
- **Vice President** - Steve Knill (sknill@radiategroup.com)
- **Vice President** - Mark Szemple (mark.szemple@szemps.com)
- **Treasurer** - Nancy Jones (nancykellerjones@yahoo.com)
- **Secretary** - Linda El-Fakir (lelfakir@warpnetworks.com)
- **Candy Coordinator** - Susan Kashan (susnotes@optonline.net)
- **Snack Bar Coordinator** - Stella Knill (stelah@optonline.net)
- **Team Poster Ad & Booster Coordinator** - open
- **Back of the Net Club Advisor** - Coach William McMullen

Official Club Website and other related sites

- Game Schedule, information, copies of all forms, & the Back of the Net Club info link can be found here:

<http://www.jpsaos.com/jpsoccer>

- All game schedules, locations and directions can also be found on:

<http://highschoolsports.net>

- GMC Soccer Info

<http://www.jpsaos.com/gmcsoccer>

- Local newspapers links

nj.com

mycentraljersey.com

gmnews.com

Club Meetings

The Back of the Net Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in room 141B of JP Stevens High School.

Regardless of which team your player is on (Freshman, JV or Varsity), your participation in these meeting is strongly encouraged. Decisions that impact your player are made during these meeting, so, you should attend. Changes to meeting dates and times will be posted on the website.

Our first meeting of the season will be September 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm. in room 141B.

We need volunteers and Team Parents for the upcoming year & beyond. We need you!

We use e-mail as our best means of quick communication with you. Please fill out the membership form ASAP neatly so you can be added to this year's list. If your e-mail address changes, please notify Linda El-Fakir (lelfakir@warppnetworks.com).

Again, welcome to the Back of the Net Club and thank you for your cooperation and support!