

A few words from our Webmaster Hal Mayer

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and I hope you have enjoyed the Carpathia Website (www.carpathiaclub.com). We are in the information age with cell phones, digital cameras, email and the internet providing the mechanism to accomplish this. Communicating with each other has never been easier!

Internet websites are the places where these bits and pieces of information can be pieced together for everyone to enjoy. It takes a lot of time to gather information and the more people that provide input the better our website will become. I am asking everyone that visits our website to give me feedback - good or bad so that we can make our website interesting and informative. I am always interested in improvements and creative ideas from people - pictures, historic information, events, etc. are always welcome.

The youth group has taken the initiative to rebuild their portion of the site and in a few weeks we should have something to show everyone. All groups are encouraged to do the same, this way it means something special to everyone. Pictures are a wonderful way to show the good times experienced by our members. What we have decided to do with the youth group is have www.shutterfly.com host their pictures. This will allow everyone that visits the site the ability to view and order prints on-line, it doesn't get any easier than that! Right now there is only one link to Shutterfly on our website, with plans of developing more in the future as I get more pictures.

The current newsletter, upcoming events, hall information, Untergruppen information and more are currently on our site. I have already received some emails from people outside the United States regarding our Carpathia website.

Come and visit our website. Send me your suggestions or comments so we can make the Carpathia Website the best Donauschwaben site on the internet. Again have a fun and safe holiday!

A Thought on Small Sided Games

Being involved with soccer for over 40 years and watching its evolution in the U.S. as player, parent, coach and referee, I think the new small sided format for the younger age groups will propel U.S. soccer to the next level.

Refereeing the small sided games since its inception a couple of seasons ago, I can honestly say that the format has developed very fast and exciting soccer. I am amazed at the talent most of these kids possess at these young ages of eight and nine. Kids dribbling, passing and running into position has left me in awe. Watching them play made my neck sore! With fewer players playing on the field from the standard 11 v 11 format, players have more touches on the ball – no one can just stand around doing nothing, because the play will be right in front of them within seconds.

The kids also seem to be having more fun with more touches on the ball. I was skeptical about the U12's playing in the small sided format this past fall season, but since observing it first hand I am convinced this is the way to go. I am really curious how these players will play in the 11 v 11 format when they advance to the U13 age group. I think it will be positive!

Small sided games will bring fast paced action to youth soccer in the U.S. now and in the future. So if you haven't watched a U9 thru U12 game lately - do so, you may be surprised at the talent and quickness of the players that has evolved with the new small sided format.

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Haar uf'm Kopp

"Mami, warum hot dr Vater ka Haar uf'm Kopp?
"Weil 'r viel denkt!"
"Un warum hoscht Du soviele?"
"Marsch in's Bett!"

Durscht

Er zu ihr: "Ich bin durschtich!"
Sie: "Willsch a Glas Wasser?"
Er: "Ich bin durschtich, nit dreckich!"

