

**Letter from the President  
Jamestown Youth League  
Winter 2011**

What a year this has been and we still have a few months to go, hard to believe. I would first like to announce the nomination and election of 2 new JYL Board Members. Please help me welcome Ben Robinson and Jim Goard (also our new Baseball Commissioner) as our newest board members. Both Ben and Jim are a welcomed addition to our team and I look forward to working with them. Both bring high energy and excitement for our kids and they will serve you well I am sure. I would also like to thank Lance Appelberg, Allen Blizzard, and Chris Groh for their years of service and volunteerism to JYL and our families. These guys helped pave the way for the years of success our league has endured and they will be missed as board members.

In addition, our annual membership meeting produced the following officers for you; Bill Harris – President, Kevin Archer – VP, Brent Steele – Treasurer. We join Ben, Jim, Brent Taylor, Tom Grose, Scott Behe, and Doug Smith as your 2011/2012 JYL Board of Directors. If you would like to volunteer or be involved please contact the office, we would love to have you.

This fall and upcoming winter seasons have already been a GREAT SUCCESS ! The recreation soccer season was not only one of the most competitive seasons we have had but the kids seemed to have more fun this year than ever before. Our coaches did a great job teaching sportsmanship, teamwork, and soccer skills. Thanks to everyone for a fun year. A huge success was the league received the GMC/Buick Soccer sponsorship from Van York in High Point. Kevin Hege successfully negotiated and received a monetary donation plus soccer equipment for the league.

Although we did not have enough sign ups for Fall Softball, Fall Baseball fielded teams in our Bronco, Mustang and Pinto divisions, nothing like playing baseball when the World Series is in full swing. Our Winter Cheerleading and Basketball program sign ups have been tremendous. Doug Smith, Basketball Commissioner, is in the second season of the basketball bridge program. Most importantly Kevin Hege was able to secure the Sports Center complex for our younger leagues to play since the Jamestown Elementary Gym will probably be closed for floor repairs, thanks Kevin. We also have partnered with Jamestown Middle School to use the brand new gym, special thanks to the Athletic Director and Principal for working with our league.

The Jamestown Soccer Club and their committee have been tirelessly working towards a great year. Many teams have had successful years not only from winning tournaments but preparing those teams and players for on going success. As many of you know the JSC committee and JYL board have been in discussions with PTFC (Piedmont Triad Football Club) about working together and partnering with them for our U13 and older teams. Scott Behe, Steve Diamond, and their team have worked closely with those JSC families, have had several communication meetings with parents, and have been an open door of information for all of us related to this topic. Please be patient with us while these discussions take place and thanks to both organizations for our on going open forums and communications.

On the business side we continue to look for opportunities to secure sponsorships and donations.

Although the league itself did not make budget this fiscal year we continue to look at plans to ensure the future of the league is strong. We continue to work with the City of Jamestown about the importance of Youth Sports to the community and the value we bring to Jamestown, NC. We can only hope that City Council and the Town Manager will continue to work with us on projects such as field rental, lights at JAC, lights at baseball complex, and office space rental at the park.

I am excited about the year we just completed in the fall and look forward to our winter sports programs. To the paid staff of JYL and JSC (Kevin Hege, Michelle Belcastro, Steve Diamond, Marianne McDonald), THANK YOU for all you do. It's because of you that we parents, families, and kids in this great organization call Jamestown Youth League home.

Bill Harris  
President