

History of the Bellevue Soccer Club

1972: Soccer started in Bellevue by Bob Walters, Al Coburn, Gary Benedict, Mike Brigdon, and John Bigia. They started with four teams playing in the YMCA League.

1974: The Bellevue Soccer Club was formed and chartered by the state as a non-profit organization. BSC started with two fields at Hayworth Park in Bellevue.

1975: BSC had 14 teams in the Spring and 19 in the Fall seasons. Colonel Newton, Base Commander at Offutt AFB authorized the club to set up three fields by the gun range on Offutt AFB. These fields were set up over the objections of Doc Shefty, Assistant Director of MWR.

As BSC grew fields were added at the Bellevue Library and on Betz Road (which was later named Everett Park). Columbian Fathers also provided a field.

1977: A fund raising effort (the annual club raffle) began to raise funds for a soccer complex in the Bellevue area.

1978: BSC grew to 81 teams that included over 1,200 players from ages 5 to 19.

1980: Bellevue Soccer Club was using 10 fields throughout the Bellevue Offutt Community.

1984: Land was purchased on Highway 370 and 42nd Street in May. Construction began on soccer fields. The new fields were built solely with funds raised by the Bellevue Soccer Club. No federal, state, or local funds were used.

1985: The first season of play at Highway 370 and 42nd Street was in the Fall.

1986: A concession stand was added during the spring.

1987: BSC had 71 recreational teams. The Bellevue Soccer League competed against teams from Plattsmouth, St. Bernadette's, and Papillion. There were ten select teams competing in the Eastern Nebraska Soccer Association (ENSA).

October 17, 1987: The Soccer Complex was formally dedicated to Bob and Helen Walters at 9:30AM. The field names were changed to "Walters Soccer Park" and a monument and flag pole were added to mark the occasion. The monument was designed and built at Bellevue College with brickwork done by Varner Hike.

1988: The loan for the purchase of Walters Soccer Park was paid off. There were 74 recreational teams and 11 select teams in BSC during the fall season.

1989: Irrigation system and electricity were added to WSP in August.

1989: There were 68 recreational and 12 select teams in BSC during the fall season.

1990: BSC had 75 recreational and 5 select teams during the spring season. MR was rebuilt and a sprinkler system was added.

1990: BSC had 59 recreational and 10 select teams during the fall season. Also during the fall: L1 was rebuilt and a sprinkler system was added and pine trees were donated by the Rotary Club. Negotiations were completed on the purchase of ten additional acres, south of the existing parking lot.

1991: Construction of new field began and under ground sprinkler system was installed during the fall season.

1992: Seeding the new fields began in July. The Under 6 (Micro) program was added during the fall season.

1993: Fields flooded from the Papio Creek twice during the summer. During the fall goal posts were put in place, the club house was constructed, and the last note of the club house debt was paid off.

2004: Field renovation on northwest part of complex and sprinklers added.