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News From the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club



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President's Notes

April, 2009

Celtic Club Members,

Your Board of Directors has been very busy over the winter months planning for the spring season and beyond. In December we informed you of the Celtic Board's decision to hire a paid Director of Coaching for the Club and since then the Palatine Park District Board of Commissioners has voted to approve the DOC position. Accordingly, we have advertised on three soccer websites and have had over 70 applicants for the position from all over the world. Stay tuned!

In February the Park District held their 10th Annual Volunteer Luncheon. Bob Haas was recognized as the Celtic Club Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations Bob!

In what Bob Haas referred to as a "Brett Favre move", Laurie White, Karen Plager and their Celtic Cup Committee of Volunteers have announced they will return to run the 2009 Celtic Cup. The band is back!

The Club sponsored four IYSA Referee Clinics from January to March to train and recertify referees. Our thanks to Paul Ernst, Jim Ehr, Mike Conklin and John Jakobsze for planning and over seeing these clinics!

Hopefully by now you have noticed our new website. A special thank you goes to Emina Zvizdich, Terry Ruff, and Chris Gattuso who worked tirelessly loading all of our data, pictures, team information and schedules. Please take some time to explore all of the information available to you on our new website. We hope to keep it updated with timely information so check it frequently.

Terry Ruff and the House Division Directors have held numerous meetings planning the House Spring Tournament. Yes, there will be a Shoot-out Competition! Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Speaking of weather, what a tough winter and spring! Ouch! Thank you for observing the closed field notices. It's for our own good so we don't wreck the fields. Please do your best to avoid the goal mouth areas even when the fields are open. Let's save them for the games and bring on the good weather!

Terry Ellis, President
Palatine Celtic Soccer Club

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U8 ACADEMY TRAVEL PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: **What is the Palatine Celtic U8 Academy Program?**

The aim of the Academy program is to provide players the opportunity of working with our professionally licensed Travel staff to improve and develop their soccer skills in a low-pressure environment, with an emphasis on individual player development and fun. All players in the Academy will receive training twice per week and will play small-sided matches once per week set up by Palatine Celtic. All small-sided matches will be hosted in Palatine.

At this young age, players are in their early stages of physical, mental, and psychomotor development. The Academy recognizes it is more important to cater towards these developmental stages with more age-appropriate training and less matches.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS AND EVALUATIONS: **U8 Academy Program Offering and Fee**

Players will be committing to one full year of participation in the U8 Academy Program.

Boys/Girls cost for the full year - \$500 per player

Fall, 2009: 2 training sessions per week with professional staff coach and 8 Club-scheduled small-sided games

Winter, 2010: 1 indoor training session per week with professional staff coach and 11 indoor Club-scheduled small-sided games

Spring, 2010: 2 training sessions per week with professional staff coach, 8 Club-scheduled small-sided games and Spring festival

Players born between Aug 1, 2001 and Jul 31, 2003 will be eligible to join the Academy. All players should try to attend one of the two evaluation days we will be hosting in June. There are no tryouts for the Academy; however, the player evaluation nights are required in order to be considered for the Academy. These evaluation nights allow the Academy staff to get an initial understanding of the player's current skillset, as well as, allow for the players and parents a chance to experience what an Academy session will be like.

U8 ACADEMY TRAVEL PROGRAM * IMPORTANT DATES

The following dates should be kept in mind regarding important upcoming events surrounding the Academy Program. Two free clinics will be held to give players and parents a chance to experience what an Academy session will be like. The informational meeting will give parents the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the program, and the evaluation days will be held in June.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
May 1	Friday	5:30-6:30pm	Celtic	Free U8 player clinic
May 8	Friday	5:00-6:00pm	Celtic	Free U8 player clinic
June 5	Friday	6:00-7:00pm	Hamilton	U8 Academy evaluation day(boys and girls)
June 7	Sunday	9:00-10:00am	Hamilton	U8 Academy evaluation day (boys and girls)

If you have any questions regarding the Academy, emails can be sent to Emina Zvizdich, 2nd VP-Travel, at coachemina@pcsa.com.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

Please join me in celebrating this year's Volunteer of the Year Recipient: Robert (Bob) Hass. Bob was presented with the award at the Volunteer luncheon on Saturday, February 7th, at The Cotillion, in Palatine. Bob has been an active member of Palatine Celtic soccer for over a decade. He has served in several board positions including division director referee assignor, vice president, president, and his current role as past president. He has coached over twenty teams through the years for both the house program, as well as the travel program before paid trainers were utilized. He has been a certified referee for six years. He was instrumental in coordinating, organizing and running the Celtic Soccer spring house tournaments for four years and the annual Celtic Club picnic since inception. Bob has also served on the Celtic Cup committee for eight years. His dedication to the club and the kids has gone above and beyond in every way, even after his kids were no longer participating in the program. He has been a mentor, leader and a friend to everyone throughout his tenure with Celtic Soccer.

Thank you. Terry Ellis, Celtic Board President



PALATINE CELTIC SOCCER ACADEMY

The Palatine Celtic Soccer Academy aims to provide a supportive environment where all levels of players can improve their individual skills while having fun. Beginning and experienced players will receive professional training through a series of developmentally appropriate activities aimed to enhance each player's overall soccer skills. Our focus is on player development with the ultimate goal being for each player to walk away with more confidence and enthusiasm about the game.

The PCSA staff consists of professionally licensed coaches currently coaching in the Palatine Celtic travel program. All skill levels are encouraged to attend, and players should bring their own water, ball, and shinguards. Visit the Palatine Celtic Soccer Academy website for additional information at www.pcsa.com. In case of inclement weather, make-up sessions may be held later that same day. All participants will receive a camp t-shirt, so please indicate a shirt size on your registration form.

When:	July 20-24, 2009	Time:	10:00am - 12:00pm for ages 7-10 1:30pm - 3:00pm for ages 11-14 5:00pm - 6:00pm for ages 5-6
Where:	Birchwood South Park	Who:	Players between the ages of 5-14
Fees:	<u>Resident</u> \$100 per player for ages 7-10 \$115 per player for ages 11-14 \$70 per player for ages 5-6	<u>Non-Resident</u>	\$150 per player for ages 7-10 \$173 per player for ages 11-14 \$105 per player for ages 5-6

*Fee includes a camp t-shirt

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YOUTH TRAVEL TRYOUTS 2009-2010

For travel tryouts, **all players must:**

- ✓ Check in at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to designated times.
- ✓ Have a parent complete the medical release form.
- ✓ Attend at least one full tryout to be eligible for selection.

Pre-registering with the Palatine Park District will help streamline the tryout process. Registration fees are:

U8-U14: Resident - \$100; High School District - \$125; Non-Resident - \$150

Full refunds will be given to those who decline a travel team invitation.

DATE	DAY	TIME	AGE GROUP	LOCATION
May 30	Saturday	9:00-11:00am	U14 boys	Hamilton
	Saturday	9:30-11:30am	U13 boys	Hamilton
	Saturday	10:00-12:00pm	U12 boys	Hamilton
	Saturday	11:30-1:30pm	U13 girls	Hamilton
	Saturday	12:00-2:00pm	U12 girls	Hamilton
	Saturday	1:30-3:00pm	U9 girls	Hamilton
	Saturday	2:00-3:30pm	U9 boys	Hamilton
	Saturday	2:30-4:00pm	U10 girls	Hamilton
	Saturday	3:30-5:00pm	U10 boys	Hamilton
May 31	Sunday	8:30-10:30am	U14 girls	Hamilton
	Sunday	9:00-11:00am	U14 boys	Hamilton
	Sunday	9:30-11:30am	U12 boys	Hamilton
	Sunday	11:00-1:00pm	U13 boys	Hamilton
	Sunday	11:30-1:30pm	U13 girls	Hamilton
	Sunday	12:00-2:00pm	U12 girls	Hamilton
June 1	Monday	6:00-8:00pm	U14 girls	Hamilton
June 5	Friday	6:00-7:00pm	U8 Academy (boys & girls)	Hamilton
	Friday	6:30-8:00pm	U11 boys	Hamilton
	Friday	7:00-8:30pm	U11 girls	Hamilton
June 6	Saturday	9:00-10:30am	U9 girls	Hamilton
	Saturday	9:30-11:00am	U10 girls	Hamilton
	Saturday	10:00-11:30am	U11 girls	Hamilton
	Saturday	10:30-12:00pm	U9 boys	Hamilton
	Saturday	11:00-12:30pm	U10 boys	Hamilton
	Saturday	11:30-1:00pm	U11 boys	Hamilton
	Saturday	1:00pm and later rain date for U12-U14		Hamilton
June 7	Sunday	9:00-10:00am	U8 Academy (boys & girls)	Hamilton
	Sunday	4:00pm and later rain date for U9-11		Hamilton

Tryout sessions will begin promptly at the designated times

- Age referred to is player's age on or after August 1 (e.g., U9 group is for players born 8/1/00 or later)
- U9 thru U14 age groups: Players may only try out for those teams that are age or grade appropriate (e.g., U9 player may try out for U10 team only if he/she is attending 4th grade in Fall, 2009).
- All tryouts will be conducted by the professional staff of the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club.
Team selections will be made and posted online 48 hrs after that age group's last tryout date. All final roster selections will be posted by June 8, 2009 [unless the rain date is used].
- Please check our Club website (www.palatinecelticsc.com) for additional information or updates.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRYOUTS 2009-2010

For Travel Tryouts, all players must:

- ✓ Check in at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to designated times.
- ✓ Have a parent complete the medical release form.
- ✓ Attend at least one full tryout to be eligible for selection.

Pre-registering with the Palatine Park District will help streamline the tryout process. Registration fees are:

U15-U19: Resident - \$50; High School District - \$63; Non-Resident - \$75

Full refunds will be given to those who decline a travel team invitation.

DATE	DAY	TIME	AGE GROUP	LOCATION
May 17	Sunday	6:30-8:30pm	U15 girls	Hamilton
	Sunday	7:00-9:00pm	U16-U18 girls	Hamilton
June 1	Monday	6:30-8:30pm	U15 girls	Hamilton
	Monday	7:00-9:00pm	U16-U18 girls	Hamilton
June 7	Sunday	6:00-8:00pm	rain date for U15 girls	Hamilton
	Sunday	6:30-8:30pm	rain date for U16-U18 girls	Hamilton

Tryout session will begin promptly at the designated times

- Age referred to is player's age on or after August 1 (e.g., U15 group is for players born 8/1/94 or later)
- All tryouts will be conducted by the professional staff of the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club. **Team selections will be made and all final roster selections will be posted no later than June 3, 2009 [unless the rain date is used].**
- Please check our Club website (www.palatinecelticsc.com) for additional information or updates.



PALATINE CELTIC WINTER TRAVEL NEWS

Some of our travel teams entered indoor tournaments or indoor leagues over the winter in addition to their training, so congratulations to the following teams!

League play

- U11B Premier - 2nd place indoor session 1
- U13B Select - 2nd place indoor session 1

Tournament play

- U10G Select - Champion 2008 5th Annual Winter Classic tournament
- U10G Select - Champion 2008 Sports Zone Holiday tournament
- U10G Premier - Champion 2008 Christmas Cup tournament
- U10G Premier - Finalist 2008 Thanksgiving 4v4 tournament
- U14G Select - Champion 2008 Lake Barrington Field House Holiday tournament
- U15G Select - Champion 2008 Lake Barrington Field House Holiday tournament

JIMMY KINSELLA HIGH SCHOOL CUP

The Palatine Celtic Soccer Club presents the Jimmy Kinsella High School Cup each year to the winner of the boys and girls Palatine vs. William Fremd Varsity high school soccer matches. The Kinsella Cup is proudly displayed at the victorious high school until the next cross-town match. The majority of players for each of these high schools have at one time or another played either Recreational and/or Travel soccer under the Celtic banner. Both William Fremd and Palatine have had State High School Champion soccer teams, and numerous players that have continued their soccer careers in NCAA Division I, II, III, and NAIA college programs.

The Kinsella Cup is dedicated to Jimmy Kinsella, who, along with Bill Hughes, founded the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club in 1968. Hughes and Kinsella, a transplanted Scotsman, were the first to find a few kids and organize them into teams to play the game of soccer in Palatine. Jimmy named the Club after his home club, Glasgow Celtic. Even though Jimmy is not around to watch the Kinsella Cup games anymore, his memory and all of his efforts continue to live on through our Club and the players who have played with us.

This spring's Kinsella Cup will be held on May 6 at 6:00pm at Palatine High School.



**3 V 3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT
DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN
JULY 31—AUGUST 2**

Every spring over the past six years the Celtic travel staff has offered a fun and relaxing way for soccer enthusiasts to participate in an event to kick-off the fall soccer season. The annual trip to Door County, Wisconsin is in the planning stages, and this, the annual Save-the-Date flyer for the prospective event has arrived.

Those of you who are new to soccer, or new to this event...this excursion began six years ago when Coach Chris Powell, followed by Lisa Myers, began taking teams new to travel soccer and the club, up to Door County for a low level, relaxing, and fun soccer event to allow new families and players to the club the opportunity to get together to enjoy a weekend away in preparation for our fall season. As the years have passed, our goals have not changed. We offer this event to allow families and friends of our club (travel, house, siblings, friends, and adults) the chance come together to get to know one another and enjoy a zero pressure, zero expectation event. Our success is shown in the continued participation and return of many of the same families and friends year after year.

We have had nothing but great success and feedback over the years, and look forward to continuing the tradition. If you would like more information or to learn more about the event, please feel free to ask one of the many families or coaches that have participated in the past. Details are as follows:

- What:** DCSAY 3v3 Tournament (3 game guarantee)
- When:** Jul 31 thru Aug 2 (tournament is Saturday only)
- Where:** Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
- Cost:** \$17 per player (4-5 players per team)
- Accommodations:** Best Western - Maritime Inn (920.743.7231)
\$99 + tax (per night)

A block of rooms are available under "Palatine Celtic Soccer Club". There is limited availability so please book your rooms immediately. Hotel stays are the responsibility of each individual family and not part of the fees collected for the weekend.

As always we encourage all travel players, house players, friends, siblings, coaches, and even parents to put a 4-5 player team together and participate in the event. This is a great relaxing weekend of soccer and fun, we look forward to seeing you all be a part of it. Please direct all questions or concerns to Coaches Chris (coachchris@pcsa.com), Lisa (lmyers2488@sbcglobal.net), Emina (coachemina@pcsa.com), or Dan Reynolds (soccers4u@ameritech.net).

Best of luck to all in the upcoming spring season.
Chris Powell



Important Dates for Palatine Celtic Soccer

- ◆ May 1,8 & June 5, 7..... U8 Academy Travel Program Important Dates
- ◆ May17-June 7, 2009 HS Girls Travel Tryouts @ Hamilton
- ◆ May 30-June 7, 2009 Youth Travel Tryouts @ Hamilton
- ◆ July 20-24, 2009 Palatine Celtic Soccer Academy
- ◆ July 31-Aug 2, 2009 3v3 Tourney Door County, WI ◆

Celtic Car Decals for Sale!

Show your support and purchase your
Celtic Soccer Club car decal today.

They are only \$5!

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