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CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10	Rec League Opening Day U6-U14
April 18	Boys Rec HSSL Season Opens
May 1	Registration begins for 2010-11 season
June 15	Last Day to Register for 2010-11 Season



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Schofield – President

Spring is a time of anticipation and excitement for the new season. The frozen tundra slowly thaws into recognizable green fields painted with white lines. Players, coaches, and parents come out for the first practices of the season with a renewed enthusiasm for the game we all love. I too am full of anticipation as I step into the role of President. I've been a Crystal Lake Soccer Federation volunteer since 2005 as a coach in both the Recreational and Competitive programs, as a member of the Competitive Committee, and as a Board member since 2008. With two kids in the program and a third to start next year I'm excited to increase my commitment to the CLSF, our players, and our families. I look forward to meeting many new people over the coming year and to hearing your ideas on how to keep improving the overall CLSF product.

Even as we prepare for the spring season we are busy planning for the next soccer year in 2010-2011. Registration begins on May 1st. Tryouts for the CLSF **Force** competitive program are coming up in May (HS Girls) and June (all other teams). See the related articles in this edition for more details. We're also proud to introduce several new programs. The **Youth Academy** program for 7 and 8 year olds will serve as

a bridge between our Recreational program and **Force** competitive program. For more details see Dan Quinn's article or go to www.clsf.org and click on the **Youth Academy** link. Also new for next year is the introduction of the **U5 level**, an age group exclusively for pre-school aged boys and girls. Kids who turn 4 by September 1, 2010 are eligible to participate.

In February we had several vacancies to fill on the CLSF Board of Directors and the response was phenomenal. Please join me in welcoming our new Board members: Eric Bertalon, Donna Bertalon, Ryan Savage, Paul Kramer, Barry Fues, and Steve Scarfe. I'm also pleased to welcome back to two gentlemen who have become synonymous with the CLSF due to their years of commitment and service, Greg Cole and Bob Hansen. Note that we are still looking for volunteers with experience in corporate fundraising and/or running a capital campaign to serve as our Fundraising Chairperson or on our Fundraising Committee.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our departing Board members, Paula Ripple, Tim Van Goethem, and Margie Johansson for their dedication and service to the CLSF. Paula's commitment resulted in our new website. Tim's leadership helped shape our Force program into the best competitive soccer value in the area. And for nearly two decades Margie poured her heart and soul into making the CLSF the strong and vibrant soccer program we all enjoy today.

In closing I want to thank you for your continued participation in our program and wish you the best of luck this spring (and to my U7 girls... GO BLUE ANGELS!)

Introducing your Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors and Staff:

Steve Schofield - President
Jack Bragg -Vice President/Fields
Diane Kelly - Treasurer
Tracy Dayton - Secretary
Greg Cole – Registrar/Korner Kick Editor/Automation
Bob Hansen – Recreational Teams/Automation
Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams
Dan Quinn – Automation
Fred Wosik – At Large
Eric Bertalon – Fields
Donna Bertalon – Assistant Treasurer
Ryan Savage – Concessions
Paul Kramer – Safety/Fields
Barry Fues - At Large
Steve Scarfe – Fields

Staff

Greg Cole – Administrator
Dan Quinn – Supervisor of Training & Education.
Coaching and Player Development
Bob Hansen – Referee Development

Thank you for your continued support of our program.

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS (ie: Concessions, Field Marshals) Ryan Savage – Director of Concessions

To all CLSF families and supporters, the 2010 spring season is fast approaching with opening day on Saturday April 10, we are looking for volunteers to assist in operating the concession stand as well as to help out field marshaling. This is a great opportunity to receive your \$25.00 volunteer "buyout" refund (if you did not already receive your refund last fall). Each volunteer is asked to register for a 3 hour shift. Please visit the link below to sign up. You can also access through the CLSF website by clicking the Volunteer link and selecting Saturday Volunteer.

<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=soccervolunteer>

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2010 – SPRING 2011 SEASON

Greg Cole – Registrar

Registration for the Fall 2010-Spring 2011 Season begins May 1. Register online at www.clsf.org and follow the instructions which will be posted on the Home page. If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays from 9AM to 3 PM during the spring recreational season beginning May 1, and continuing through May 29. Thereafter, online registration continues through June 15.

During the latter part of the Spring 2010 Season, coaches will receive a list of current players rostered on their team who have not registered. Coaches will be asked to remind those players to register by the **deadline June 15, 2010**. Players who do not register by June 15 and desire to participate will be placed on a waiting list. CLSF cannot guaranty anyone on the waiting list a roster spot for the 2010-11 Season.

Basic Registration Fee:

The registration fee structure remains unchanged from last year:

U5-U14 (4yr old by 9-1-10, through 8th grade) \$150.00
U15-U19 Rec Girls HSSL (grades 9-12) \$90.00

Please NOTE that we will no longer have offer an "early bird" discount.

Donations:

At the time of registration, each family will be required to select one of our fundraising opportunities - the **raffle** or the **charitable donation**. Please note that each family is only charged for one fundraising option no matter how many children are registered. The costs of the fundraising options have **not** increased this year.

If you select the **raffle** option, each family will be charged \$40. Families will receive eight \$5.00 raffle tickets, which they may sell or keep. Tickets will be distributed to each family on Picture Day in September, during the Fall 2010 Season. Cash, and possibly other prizes, will be awarded. The drawing will be held at Soccerhouse later during the fall season later. You need not be present to win.

If you select the **charitable donation** option each family will be charged \$30.00 and will receive a charitable donation letter. CLSF is a tax exempt charitable organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to CLSF are deductible under section 170 of the Code.

Volunteer "Buyout"

CLSF will continue the mandatory volunteer "buyout" charge of \$25.00 assessed to each family at the time of registration. Please note that each family is only charged \$25.00 no matter how many children are registered. This fee will be refunded upon completion of a volunteer task. A volunteer sign up page will be posted on the website prior to the fall season.

2010-11 Youth Academy

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

CLSF is excited to offer an all-new Youth Academy for the Fall 2010-Spring 2011 season. For players **under-8 years old** as of August 1st, the Youth Academy program will be a hybrid of recreational and **Force** soccer. Academy players will continue to compete in the CLSF Recreational League, but will also be professionally trained one day per week (fall/winter/spring) and play in additional Academy game each week.

This program is designed to help players interested in participating in the **Force** program to transition from recreational to competitive soccer. For more information on this program, go to:
<http://www.clsf.org/YOUTHACADEMY.php>

CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE TEAMS DOMINANT IN INDOOR
 Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

As we transition to the spring outdoor season, we want to congratulate the **Force** teams on a dominant indoor season. We had **7 Division Champions** (five finished undefeated) and another 3 teams finished in the top three of their divisions. This is a tremendous credit to the hard work these players put in and the quality of players representing the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation.

Keep up the good work!

CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS
 Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams
 Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

Crystal Lake **Force** is the competitive soccer program offered through CLSF. Its mission is to develop players to compete at a higher level of competition. As a member of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) our teams compete in Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL) and the Young Sportsmen's Soccer League (YSSL).

Currently, the **Force** has 24 teams between the ages of 7-18. Each year the **Force** program continues to grow and attract gifted players through the efforts of our highly qualified professional coaching staff, dedicated volunteers, and cost effective program. **Force** tryouts will be at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex in Crystal Lake. Players should plan on arriving 30 minutes prior to the start of each session with a ball and appropriate soccer gear. Informational flyers are available at Soccerhouse to anyone who is interested, and of course all information will be posted and updated on our website (www.clsf.org).

Force Tryouts Dates:

U8-U14 Boys	U8-U14 Girls	High School Girls
June 2 nd & 4 th 6:00-7:30PM	June 1 st & 3 rd 6:00-7:30	May 16 th & 17 th 6:00-7:30

We encourage everyone to try out. Why not come and see what playing for the **Force** is about? If you have any questions or concerns regarding the **Force** please feel free to Contact Dan Quinn at force@clsf.org

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT CLSF REC LEAGUE COACHES

Greg Cole – Administrator
 All current CLSF Rec League coaches will be asked to submit a completed Coaching Status Information form for the 2010-11 Season. This form will be distributed to each head coach during the Spring Season. The form provides an opportunity for each coach to indicate his/her coaching intentions for the 2010-11 season, as well as any changes that may take place, i.e., a current assistant coach or parent who would like to take over head coaching responsibilities.

Each coach is asked to complete the form and return it to Soccerhouse NO LATER THAN **Saturday May 29**. Please complete and return the form even if you do not plan to return as a coach. The information provided will assist CLSF in determining coaching needs and assignments for next season. Failure to complete and turn in a form may result in your coaching position being assigned to someone else.

GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Ages U15-U19, Grades 9-12)

Ken Hopp – Girls Rec H.S.S.L. Coordinator

Registration for the Fall 2010 season of the Girls Rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) begins May 1. Registration is via our website www.clsf.org. The registration fee is \$90. This fee does **not** include a uniform which may be purchased separately, as needed, through the coach. Registration ends June 15.

Teams play in the Northern Illinois High School Recreational Soccer League (NIHSRSL) also known as the BLACKMORE LEAGUE in honor of the league's founder. The league is made up of approximately 16 teams from local communities which participate in scheduling matches. League matches are played on Sundays. Home matches are played at Lippold Park. CLSF teams will travel to play some games in opposing teams' communities. The season begins the end of August and runs through the last weekend in October.

Girls NIHSRSL teams may also participate in League sponsored tournaments. The scheduling and location of such tournaments is by the NIHSRSL and not under the control of CLSF. Participation in tournaments is determined by each CLSF team's coach. Traditionally three tournaments are offered throughout the season. Some additional costs may be incurred by players depending on tournament participation and selection of uniforms.

New U6 Recreational League Rule

Bob Hansen - Recreational Director

After talking to several U6 coaches and watching many games last season, we have decided to revise the U6 rule on goal kicks. First of all the current rule reads:

Goal kicks: *When ball goes over goal line kicked by attacker. Kick taken anywhere on the goal line outside the goal arc. Opponents are to be at least 5 feet away.*

Many teams take goal kicks from inside the arc. The kick is to be taken from the goal line outside of the arc. Many teams had difficulty getting the ball to their teammates because the opponents were only 5 feet away. This was legal, but not in the spirit of what the CLSF wants to accomplish at the U6 level.

Therefore we are changing the goal kick rule. Opponents must now back up to at least to the center of the field. The new rule now reads:

Goal kick: *The ball goes over goal line last kicked by an attacker. Kick taken anywhere on the goal line outside the goal arc. Opponent are to be no closer than the center of the field.*

I hope this rule change will improve the flow of the game and give the players a chance to improve their skills.

EASY MONEY

Bob Hansen – Recreational League Director

We are continuing our credit card fundraiser project. All you need to do is apply for the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation credit card and you will be donating to our cause with your everyday purchases. CLSF will earn \$50 after your first purchase with your CLSF card and continue to earn 2% on gas and food purchases and 1% on all other purchases made using your CLSF credit card.

The \$50 first time purchase may not sound like a lot, but we have about 1200 families, so if every family used their CLSF Capital One Visa card just for this

year's registration. CLSF would receive over **\$62,000**. The 2% may also sound insignificant, but if the average family used their card to pay for \$100 per week for food and \$20 per week in gas, CLSF would receive almost **\$150,000** per year. The dollars can add up quickly, and our lights could be paid for in a very short time. But all of this can only happen with your support. So apply for your CLSF Capital One Visa today. The card comes with either CLSF logo or the Force logo, so you can show your support every time you use it. To apply or learn more about the CLSF Visa Card go to www.cardlabconnect.com/clsf

CLSF CELL PHONE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

Money will be earned for each recycled phone.

Please drop off your old cell phones at:

Soccerhouse

Or

BOB HANSEN – 4605 DANIEL DRIVE, CRYSTAL LAKE

If you know of a business that will serve as a drop off location, contact Bob Hansen at refbob@sbcglobal.net

THE CRYSTAL LAKE SOCCER FEDERATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH SHARE YOUR SOLES, IS SPONSORING A SOCCER SHOE DRIVE

When: Saturdays-April 10 to May 29, 2010 (Spring Soccer Season)

Where: Soccerhouse

What: New & gently used soccer shoes and soccer balls

Details: We are accepting soccer shoes of all sizes. Please make sure they are clean and in good condition. Tie the shoes together and place them in the collection bins inside Soccerhouse on Saturdays during the spring soccer season. Soccer balls are also being collected. The items will be delivered to the "Share Your Soles Foundation" in Alsip, IL (www.shareyoursoles.org). They will distribute the shoes and balls to those in need around the world. If you have any further questions, please contact the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation at info@clsf.org

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Greg Cole - Administrator

If a family member or friend is handicapped and needs assistance accessing the fields, golf car rides may be obtained at Soccerhouse. If we are aware in advance of this type of special needs situation, CLSF can also arrange to have the game played on a field closer to a parking area.

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR GAS BILL – SUPPORT CLSF

CLSF Fundraising Committee

As part of its fundraising program, CLSF is teaming up with Ambit Energy to help save you money on your gas bill and support CLSF. By switching your natural gas service to Ambit Energy you can save money on your NICOR bill and CLSF will receive a portion of your monthly payment. There is no cost to switch, no contract to sign. You can switch back at no cost. It is that easy – nothing for you to buy.

When you switch to Ambit Energy nothing will change except the size of your gas bill. You will continue to be a NICOR customer. NICOR will read your meter, continue to bill you, and you call them in an emergency or if you smell gas. When you choose Ambit for your energy supplier, you will be fundraising with no additional cost to you.

We understand that you may have concerns about choosing a supplier so we have included a link so that you can check with the Citizens Utility Board's website

<http://www.citizensutilityboard.org/GasMarketMonitor.php>

We believe that this is a great way to fundraise and help our soccer families at the same time, just by paying a bill that you already pay every month, month after month. Please sign up online at www.clsf.joinambit.com or call Lisa Krupp at 847-707-2132 for additional information on how you can make a difference for the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation.

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