



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

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CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
February 23 Annual Meeting/Mandatory Winter Coaches Meeting



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margie Johansson - CLSF President

Seventeen years ago I didn't know a whole lot about soccer. The high school I went to had its first soccer team the year I started there. Of course, it was a boys team – the girls didn't get the same opportunity until a few years later. They did however advertise for girls to chase the soccer balls that went out of bounds and there were real cheerleaders on the sideline. I went to a few games back then, but it was more for extra credit in German class than love of the game. Thankfully, the sport has evolved to be just as competitive for the girls as it is for the boys, and because I have at least one of each of these, I have learned a thing or two about soccer since then ... I now almost understand the offside rule, I definitely know how to dress for a 90 minute game in any kind of weather, I can easily manage a soccer team's finances, scheduling, social events & the occasional parent having a bad day. I have experienced soccer at many different levels over the years and I have loved just about every minute of it.

It all starts with the fact that I *am* a volunteer. Soccer did not teach me this. My parents did. They too were volunteers – sometimes, it was more like they were volunteered, but no matter how the job landed in

their lap, they came through for us every time. I was a team mom my first season involved with CLSF and there was no stopping me after that. Sadly, I will be retiring in February – because of my real life, my volunteer life will be coming to an end.

I owe so much to the sport of soccer. My 3 kids have turned out to be pretty decent people because of the game. Practices and games taught them the value of commitment. Shooting wide or losing their mark not only taught them that sometimes things just don't go your way, but also to have compassion for the teammate that shot wide or lost their mark.

Winning that big game gave them unimaginable joy, losing that big game provided a lesson in humility.

They learned that sometimes teammates are friends off the field and sometimes they aren't, but when the whistle blows teamwork is what matters. As time went on, these lessons learned on the soccer field carried over into their everyday life. Oddly & unknowingly, we parents on the sideline were learning our own life lessons while experiencing these things with our children. We too were being shaped into better people because of a child's sport.

As I say bid Adieu to CLSF, I would like to thank all of you that have made the last seventeen years so valuable to me. Some of my closest friends were met on the sideline of the soccer fields at Lippold Park – people I would not know otherwise. It has always amazed me that every time I was at the soccer field I had the pleasure of spending my time with friends – old and new, while watching a sport I love in one of the prettiest parks around. Thank you so much.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, WINTER COACHES MEETING

Greg Cole - Administrator

The 2010 CLSF Annual Meeting and Mandatory Winter Rec League Coaches Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Coventry Elementary School (multi-purpose room) located at 820 Darlington Lane, Crystal Lake, IL. The school is located in the Coventry Subdivision.

The purpose of the coaches' portion of the evening is to provide information for the upcoming Spring Season. **The head coach, an assistant coach, or other team representative is required to attend this meeting.** This meeting will be the **only** opportunity for coaches to submit special scheduling requests. No requests will be accepted after this meeting.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On the agenda for the Annual meeting will be the election of directors to the CLSF Board. Board members serve a three-year term. Each board member is expected to attend monthly Board meetings, work his/her assigned shift at Soccerhouse during each season, and take on one of the specific director roles. Each year the Board elects its officers and assigns specific directorships for the other board members. Being a board member is an excellent way for you to help make CLSF the best organization for your children.

We are in need of people with experience in the following areas: Accounting/Finance, Concessions, and Fundraising. If you are interested in running for one of the positions, please contact CLSF Administrator Greg Cole at 815-477-2573 or at info@clsf.org.

WAITING LIST FOR SPRING 2010 SEASON

Greg Cole - Registrar

For those players who were unable to register last spring for our 2009-2010 soccer season, the waiting list for the Spring 2010 season is now open. To place a child on the waiting list, go to our website www.clsf.org and follow the instructions posted on the homepage. The Fall 2009 Wait List has been carried over to the spring.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child was registered and participated in our Fall 2009 season, s/he is already registered for the Spring 2010 Season. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RE-REGISTER FOR THE SPRING 2009 SEASON.**

BOYS' REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Bob Hansen – Boys' H.S. S.L. Coordinator

The boys' High School Soccer League (HSSL) begins play on Sunday, April 18, 2010. The season runs through June 6 (including Memorial Day weekend). Game times on Sunday range from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM depending on the number of teams. All games are played at Lippold Park.

This part of our program is entering its 13th year. The CLSF HSSL is popular because it allows players the opportunity to participate in organized soccer games even though they are unable to practice due to other school or personal commitments. Teams are made up of players from different schools and different ages. This keeps the teams balanced, friendly, and competitive.

The registration fee will be \$130.00 for registrations before March 1. For registrations received on or after March 1, the fee will be \$140.00. To register fill out the registration form and mail it with a check payable to "CLSF" to our HSSL Coordinator Bob Hansen at 4605 Daniel Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

If you have any questions email Bob Hansen at refbob@sbcglobal.net

EASY MONEY

Bob Hansen – Recreational League Director

We have a new fundraiser project and you don't have to buy anything new. 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 \$25 after your first purchase with your CLSF card and continue to earn 1% of every purchase made using your CLSF credit card.

The \$25 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 \$32,000. The 1% 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 about \$74,800 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

FORCE UPDATE

Dan Quinn – Director of Training

Congratulations to the U18 FORCE girls for their wonderful accomplishments in the 2009 season. The girls competed in six College Showcase tournaments, winning four and were finalist in another. The girls have been in the FORCE program since U9 and grew into a wonderful team, both on and off the field. The following FORCE girls have received a scholarship to continue playing in college:

Maggie Olsen, Loyola University, D1
Kailyn Quinn, Judson University, NAIA
Ashley Ross, University of Toledo, D1
Corrine Wronski, Upper Iowa University, D2
Taylor Henning, Western Illinois University, D1
Kelsey Taldone, Upper Iowa University, D2
Karly Mecko, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, D2
Sara Hoffman, Judson University, NAIA
Lauren Gaitsch, Lake Erie College, D2

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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

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