



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

Summer 2007 Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 8 Rec League Opening Day U6-U14
September 15 Picture Day/Raffle Tickets &
Entertainment Books Distributed
September 17 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
September 29 Raffle Drawing
October 15 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
October 27 Fall Season Ends Season



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margie Johansson – President

It hardly seems possible that August is upon us. I hate to see summer go, but at the same time, fall is inevitable and brings many exciting beginnings. Of course, CLSF will be ready. The Board knows no off season. Last week, when I entered Soccerhouse, I was greeted by numerous boxes of uniforms. This can only mean that the Coaches meetings will be happening soon. Greg Cole and Bob Hansen no doubt already have their game plan laid out to make the meetings run smoothly.

Hopefully, the Park District has figured out where the troubles lie within their pipelines so we don't have to trudge over the dirt mounds on our way out to the fields.

As you read through this newsletter, please take note of all the fall events that are scheduled. We could use volunteer help for things such as picture day, raffle ticket & coupon book distribution, and as always ... concessions. Once again, I will be the Acting Director of Concessions ... unless of course, someone out there would like to fill the position and

really do it justice. I have to applaud the Spring volunteers who came forward to put in the time they signed up for during registration & the teams who didn't think twice before taking a shift and making it work for us. It was such a pleasure to meet the heart & soul of our organization week after week. Most of those who came out were surprised at the fun we had tell your friends, we have 8 weeks to fill in the fall!

I would also like to take this opportunity to propose to you all, the idea of Corporate Sponsorship. At this time we do not have a Director of Fundraising, but we do have our 501 c3 which enables us to accept donations as a charitable organization, thus making donations tax deductible. We have field improvements planned that we could use help with. We also have an increased number of families looking for help with their fees. If you are able to help out in this respect, please contact us info@clsf.org. Every little bit helps make a child smile.

See you when the whistle blows, very soon.

Fall 2007 - Spring 2008 Season

Greg Cole - Administrator

Bob Hansen – Director of Recreational Teams

Rec League team meetings will be held the week of August 13-17. Head coaches have already been notified of the date and time of their meeting. Times and dates are also posted on the Calendar page of the website. Each player will receive notification by post card with the name and number of his/her coach. Postcards will be mailed on August 20. Every effort is being made to honor special requests when it is possible. Team assignments for 07-08 will appear on your family page approximately August 6. Schedules will be posted approximately August 27.

PICTURE DAY/RAFFLE TIX/ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Greg Cole - Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 15, 2007 at Lippold Park. Use the parking area to the left just as you enter the park. Teams will report for pictures 45 minutes before their scheduled game time. Competitive teams who wish to have their pictures taken may report between 3:30 and 5 pm. Picture packets will be distributed at the coaches meetings. Coaches will then distribute the packets to their players. Players should bring their picture packet to picture day with payment. Team and individual pictures will be distributed to the coaches prior to the end of the fall season.

Raffle tickets and entertainment books will be distributed at the time pictures are being taken. Each family must pick up its own tickets or entertainment books. Identification is required. If you are unable to pick up your tickets or books on picture day, you may make an appointment to pick them up at Soccerhouse. Raffle ticket stubs may be dropped off at Soccerhouse. On Saturdays ticket stubs may be left in the 5 gallon plastic bucket inside Soccerhouse. Otherwise, ticket stubs may be left in the locked mailbox outside the front door of the building. Ticket stubs should be dropped off no later than 9 AM on September 29. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at noon at Soccerhouse. You need not be present to win.

FALL REC TRAINING PROGRAMS

Dan Quinn – Director of Education and Training

CLSF will offer 3 training programs for individual players during the fall 2007 season. Registration forms for these programs are available online at www.clsf.org/camps.cfm or may be picked up at Soccerhouse. The cost of each session is \$70. Sessions are conducted by CLSF's professional training staff at the Lippold Park soccer training area next to Soccerhouse. Players are expected to bring their own ball, shin guards, appropriate footwear (soccer shoes not required) and water. For additional information please contact info@clsf.org or call 815/477-2573.

Young Kickers

The Young Kickers class offers a fun and creative approach to introduce soccer fundamentals to preschoolers 4 years of age and older. Classes begin the week of September 10 and run through the week of October 22. Class sessions are offered Mondays from 1 to 1:50 PM, Wednesdays 4 to 4:50 PM or Thursdays 1 to 1:50 PM or 3:30 to 4:20 PM. Technique

Technique class is designed to give players confidence on the ball. The goal of this class is to teach players the necessary skills to effectively receive, dribble and pass the ball in game situations. Classes begin September 11 and are held on Tuesday afternoons from 5-6:00 for players ages 7-10 years and from 6-7:00 for players 11-14 years.

Finishing

Players will learn the proper technique of striking a ball. Each session will begin with a warm-up to prepare players for the drills. A majority of the class will then be spent hitting balls on goal to develop proper form and the correct mental habits of finishing. Classes begin September 14 and are held on Friday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 for players ages 7-10 years, and from 5:30-6:30 for players 11-14 years

ACCESSING YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION PAGE ON THE WEBSITE

Greg Cole - Administrator

Families can access their CLSF Family Page by going to the website at www.clsf.org. Click the Member Login button. You will be asked for your PIN and the birth date of one of your children who has been registered with CLSF. If you have forgotten your PIN, there is a link on the Member Login page that will automatically email it to you. However, if your email address has changed and you have not updated it in our system, you will not receive the email. Your PIN is the 4 or 5 digit number on the address label of this newsletter. You may also obtain your PIN by contacting us at 477-CLSF (2573) or by sending an email to info@clsf.org.

Your Family Page contains your current family contact and biographical information as well as information regarding your child's team. **Updated team information for your player for the 2007-08 season will be posted approximately August 6.** The Page also contains important messages and other CLSF information. Please take the time to regularly check your Family Page

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Greg Cole - Administrator

PORTABLE SOCCER GOAL SAFETY

With the safety of your child in mind, CLSF continues to take great care to insure that all goals at Lippold Park are properly anchored at all times. Staff performs regular checks at least weekly to insure that the goals are anchored. Our coaches and referees are also instructed to perform a check before each game and are instructed not to begin a game unless the

goals are properly anchored. In addition, warning labels are affixed to each goal.

We ask your assistance as well. Please make sure that your children do not climb on the nets or hang from the cross bars. CLSF cannot guaranty that all soccer goals located on practice fields in the various parks are properly anchored. Vandals and teams holding practices sometimes move the goals (although this is strictly against Park District and CLSF policy) without re-anchoring them. If you notice a goal at one of the parks that is not properly anchored, contact the Crystal Lake Park District at 459-0680 or CLSF at 477-CLSF.

LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM

The Crystal Lake Park District has installed a THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System at Soccerhouse. This system predicts when conditions indicate the potential for a lightning strike. It will give a warning 8 to 20 minutes in advance of a potential strike so that players, coaches and spectators can take shelter. The base unit has been placed at Soccerhouse. The antennae, warning siren and strobe light have been affixed to the roof. Satellite units have been placed at the Family Golf Center at Lippold Park, Main Beach and West Beach. The THOR GUARD system operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 10 pm.

When THOR GUARD senses the potential for a lightning strike, it will sound a 15 second warning siren and the strobe light will activate. When this happens, **clear the fields immediately and seek proper shelter (building or non-convertible automobile), even if the weather appears not to be threatening.** The strobe light stays on as long as there is the danger of a lightning strike. When the potential for lightning has passed, the THOR GUARD siren sounds 3 blasts. This may occur as soon as 15 minutes after the initial warning has been given.

If thunder is heard or lightning is spotted, and the THOR GUARD siren does not go off, everyone must still clear the fields and take appropriate shelter immediately. No one should go out again until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard or lightning seen.

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

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.

PETS

To insure the health and safety of participants and spectators, ON GAME DAYS pets are restricted to designated areas of the sidelines. Maps designating those areas are posted in the kiosks (blue and gold message boards) and at Soccerhouse. The restriction of pets to designated areas was reached as a compromise measure, at the suggestion of the Park District Staff. This measure recognizes those who wish to enjoy watching their children play soccer while being accompanied by their pet, and also assures the safety and comfort of players and other spectators.

NO SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in the vicinity of the soccer fields and the area in and around Soccerhouse.

PARKING

The small parking area immediately adjacent to Soccerhouse is reserved for vehicles with handicapped permits, CLSF Board Members and Staff. **Please do not park in this area or enter to drop off or pick up players.**

Please do not park in any grassy areas at Lippold Park. You may be ticketed. We ask your cooperation by not parking at the end of any of the North Shore streets which are adjacent to Lippold Park while attending soccer games or practices at Lippold. Let's be considerate and good neighbors.

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