



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

Spring 2007 Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1	Registration begins for 2007-08 season
April 14	Rec League Opening Day U7-U14
April 15	Boys Rec HSSL Season Opens
April 21	U6 Opening Day
May 26	Rec League Tournament
June 9	Rec League Season Ends. Deadline for Coaches to hand in Coaching Status Info for 2007-08 Season
June 10	Last Day to Register for 2007-08 Season
July 16-20	Summer Camp # 1
July 23-27	Summer Camp # 2
August 6-10	Coaches Meetings
September 8	Opening Day Fall 2007 Season



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margie Johansson – President

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors as presently seated:

President- Margie Johansson
Vice President – Jack Bragg
Treasurer – Rob Routzahn
Secretary – Tim Van Goethem
Greg Cole – Registrar/Communications
Bob Hansen – Director of Recreational Teams
Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams
Kevin Kinahan – Director of Education and Training
Dan Quinn – Director of Technology
Susan Hailey – Director of Special Events
Kathleen Mayber - Director of Safety

This Board is comprised of a very diverse group of people, all of whom are willing to devote many volunteer hours so as to provide our young athletes with quality soccer experiences no matter at which level they choose to play. I think I speak for the entire Board when I say any and all input on how we can help your child/children is welcome. No idea is too big ... or too small. We rely on your insights to keep our organization going strong.

At this time, I would like to thank two retiring Board Members who will be sorely missed. Mark Widing our retiring Treasurer, single-handedly commanded us on the path we needed to take, but were overlooking. I'm not sure even I appreciate the countless hours Mark put in getting a handle on our finances, so none of us had to worry about the financial stability of CLSF. Mark has graciously volunteered to stay on to help Rob get a handle on things.

Joanne Magnuson our retiring Director of Concessions leaves a void that surpasses her time spent. I don't think anyone who was touched by Joanne's kind spirit can forget her. She put in countless hours to keep the stand open even though volunteerism was at an all time low.

I wish Mark & Joanne well in their future endeavors and feel blessed for the time spent with them.

Spring is always an exciting, busy time around Soccerhouse - Gamedays, Training Sessions, Tryouts, the Rec Tournament ... Combine, that with graduations, communions, weddings, baseball, softball - I could go on and on, and you have a scheduling nightmare for coaches & parents alike. Please use the website to keep you informed and to

let us know what we can do to meet your soccer needs.

As noted above, we are losing our Director of Concessions. I asked the coaches at the Annual Meeting to provide me with a team contact (other than themselves) so we might be able to fill the stand with volunteers every week. To date, I have very few names to call on. If you are able to fill this need, please contact me at margie00725@comcast.net or 815-477-7150. Keep in mind that the income from concessions can help to keep your registration fees at a minimum.

I can't commend those who volunteer those extra hours enough – no one knows better than me, how difficult it is to keep going after the 40 you are paid for each week. I can also say that, no one knows better than me, how gratifying putting in those extra few hours can be. I have met many people who have impacted my life in ways I never would have known if I had not offered myself up to the CLSF. Please consider giving where we need you.

As the warm weather melts the snow ... we'll see you on the fields, very soon.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2007 – SPRING 2008 SEASON

Greg Cole – Registrar

Registration for the Fall 2007-Spring 2008 Season begins April 1. Register online at www.clsf.org. If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays from 9AM to 3 PM during the spring season beginning April 14 up to and including Saturday June 9. The registration fee schedule for the 2007-08 Season is:

U6 (kindergarten) \$130.00
U7-U14 (2nd through 8th grade) \$150.00
U15-U19 Rec Girls HSSL \$90.00
U15-U19 Force Girls \$110.00

You might have noticed that the fee structure was increased by \$10 per player. The Board was able to hold the line on a fee increase for 2 years, however, it was necessary to increase fees this year to keep pace with the increased costs of running the great programs our organization is able to provide.

There will be a **substantial savings** off the regular registration fee for all players in the U6 to U14 age groups who **register prior to midnight April 30, 2007**. At the time of registration, each family will be required to participate in one of our fundraising programs. Families will be able to choose between

two fundraising opportunities, the raffle or coupon books. 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 2007 Season. Cash, and possibly other prizes, will be awarded. The drawing will be held at Soccerhouse. You need not be present to win.

If you select the coupon book offer each family will be charged \$50.00 and will receive two coupon books.

(Although we are no longer offering the buy a brick option as a fundraiser, bricks may still be purchased separately by contacting us at info@clsf.org)

During the latter part of the Spring 2007 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 10, 2007**. Players who do not register by June 10 and desire to participate will be placed on a waiting list. CLSF cannot guaranty anyone on the waiting list a roster spot for the 2007-08 Season.

GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Ages U16-U19)

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

Registration for the Fall 2007 season of the girls rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) Begins April 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 10.

Teams play in the Northern Illinois High School Recreational Soccer League (NIHSRSL). The league is made up of approximately 16 teams from local communities that 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. Some additional costs may be incurred by players depending on tournament participation and selection of uniforms. Traditionally three tournaments are offered throughout the season.

COACHES NEEDED

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams

The Crystal Lake Force is in need of coaches at the younger levels for both Boys and Girls. All interested parties should contact Eric Johansson at force@clsf.org for details.

CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams

As most of you now know, the Force is the Competitive program offered through the CLSF to help the kids develop their soccer skills at an elevated rate. The Force teams play at a higher level of competition and train at a level to suit game play. Currently, the Force is comprised of 18 teams between the ages of 8-18. Due to highly qualified training staff, dedicated volunteers, and lower than average fees, we grow and attract gifted players each year.

The Crystal Lake Force Tryouts for U9-U14 Boys and Girls will be held during the first week of June, while the High School Girls Tryouts will most likely be held prior to Memorial Day weekend. Once tryout dates are set we will have flyers in the Soccerhouse available to everyone interested, and of course all information will be posted and updated on our website (www.clsf.org).

I encourage you all to give tryouts a chance. Why not come and see what it is all about? If you decide playing for the Force is not for you, you can always walk away. I have been a part of the Force since its birth and I can honestly say that not only is our current training staff the best I've seen in those 11 years, but it seems to be improving each year.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Force please feel free to Contact Eric Johansson at force@clsf.org or call at 815-477-7150.

Come out and see what we're about!

REC LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Susan Hailey – Special Events Director

On Saturday May 26 CLSF will host the Kohl's America Cup Recreational Tournament at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex. The tournament is open to all CLSF recreational teams as well as teams in surrounding communities. Registration and rostering details will be furnished to rec coaches on opening day. There will be no rec league games scheduled on tournament day.

CRYSTAL LAKE EXPO BOOTH

Susan Hailey – Special Events Director

Be sure to stop by and see our booth at the Crystal Lake EXPO at Crystal Lake South High School on March 24 and 25.

SPRING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Kevin Kinahan – Director of Training
Dan Quinn Supervisor of Training

As we embark on a new season, the CLSF Training Staff is excited to announce some new training opportunities. For the first time we will be offering a Finishing program to help players hone their finishing skills. For the first time we will be offering our Young Kickers program where preschoolers can begin to learn fundamentals of the game. And lastly, for the first time we are offering a program that will help players get a taste of FORCE soccer with our Premiers program. All of these programs offer players more opportunity to improve their skills and continue to grow as a soccer player. Please check out our website at www.clsf.org for more information and to find the right program for your child.

In other news, we are offering a Spring Break camp at Regional Sports Center in Crystal Lake on March 27 – 30 from 9:30 to 11:00. Also, similar to previous seasons, competitive team training will begin with team camps starting April 2nd. Recreational team training will begin on April 9th, with signup opening March 19.

Finally, we will be offering independent training for any player who would like additional training. Please contact us at info@clsf.org for more information. Check out our website at www.clsf.org for information on all of these programs. The CLSF Training Staff is here to help develop your children to be the best soccer players.

PLEASE NOTE: You may have seen various advertisements for "Crystal Lake Soccer Camps" Please do not be confused. These camps are NOT affiliated with CLSF - THE Crystal Lake Soccer Federation.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

Kevin Kinahan – Director of Education and Training
Dan Quinn - Supervisor of Training

The summer off season is the perfect time to improve your soccer skills and conditioning. The Crystal Lake Soccer Federation training staff will conduct this skill camp at Lippold Park open to soccer players ages 5-14. We'll have something for all soccer enthusiasts regardless of where and at what level you play during the season.

CLSF Summer Soccer Camp is designed for players of all playing abilities. Camp will be broken into similar age groups so players will train with their peers. Upon request, players can be moved into older age groups to match their playing abilities. Our goal is to give players a comfortable setting where they can be challenged, but excel at a comfortable pace.

- Each session will involve a warm-up (with ball)
- A progression of the days chosen skill set
- Small-sided games (3v3, 4v4, etc.)

Shinguards are mandatory and soccer shoes are preferable. Every player should bring a ball and water. A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. Additional forms are available at Soccerhouse and may be downloaded from our website.

Program Fee: \$105 (includes camp shirt)
Ages 5 through 14

Mon – Fri 9:30am-Noon Week 1 July 16 – 20
Mon – Fri 9:30am-Noon Week 2 July 23 – 27

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.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT CLSF REC LEAGUE COACHES

Greg Cole – Administrator

All current CLSF Rec League coaches are asked to submit a completed Coaching Status Information form for the 2007-08 Season. These forms will be distributed to each head coach during the Spring Season. The forms provide an opportunity for each coach to indicate his/her coaching intentions for the 2007-08 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 June 9**. 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.**

CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT ASEP TRAINING CLASS

Greg Cole, Administrator

One of the requirements as an affiliate group of the Crystal Lake Park District, is that all of our new coaches to attend an ASEP coaches training class conducted by the Park District. Coaches need only attend once. If you have already attended a class as a CLSF coach or attended as part of another athletic program (i.e. little league, basketball, Raiders football, softball) you have fulfilled the requirement and need not attend again. This year the class will be offered twice, on Wednesday, April 11, or Monday, April 23, 2007, at Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock St. from 6:45 to 9:45 PM. The class is free. Coaches who desire to attend should contact CLSF at 815/477-2573 or info@clsf.org to notify us of the date they plan to attend. DO NOT CALL THE PARK DISTRICT.

AED UNIT INSTALLED AT SOCCERHOUSE

Kathleen Mayber – Director of Safety

CLSF has purchased an AED (automatic external defibrillator) which will be available at Soccerhouse in case of emergencies. We are sponsoring AED/CPR/First Aid training and certification classes for Board members and staff, and plan to make classes available to coaches in the future. Field marshals will be assigned to duty each game day and will be conspicuous by their bright orange pullover. They will receive instruction on monitoring activities on the fields and will be able to communicate with Soccerhouse in case of an emergency so that medical assistance can be promptly dispatched.