



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

Summer 2006 Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 27	Rec League Schedules Posted
September 9	Rec League Opening Day U6-U14
September 16	Picture Day/Raffle Tickets Distributed
September 18	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
September 23	Coaches Appreciation Dinner
September 30	Raffle Drawing & Cookout
October 18	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
October 29	Fall Season Ends Season



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margie Johansson – President

A couple of weeks ago the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation was the host organization for a Regional 3v3 Tournament. Being the host meant we got to patrol the fields and clean up after the 303 teams and their spectators – roughly 3000 people if you figure 5 players per team. If you think parking is bad on your average soccer Saturday at Lippold, imagine another 1000 or so cars in our lot. Not only were the parking areas as we know them full, but the practice fields between our lots and 176 were also full of cars. Many of the teams were from Illinois, but there were also quite a few from Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana. Being the gracious host we were, we received many compliments on how nice our facility is, how helpful our people were and how clean we kept the place. On the other side of things, our volunteers got to see soccer diehards playing a different version of the game they love. It was amazing how poised and well behaved the players on the youth fields were (the adult games were much more animated). The 3v3 game is played at a much higher intensity level, so to see such composure was

truly a delight, especially after watching the final World Cup game and seeing what a professional can be reduced to during a competitive match.

I had ample time to talk to quite a few of our guests over the course of the weekend. As we all know, soccer people love to talk about their clubs. From them, I learned that we are very lucky to be able to call Lippold Park our soccer home. We are fortunate to have park areas large enough for soccer practices to be held on. It is a luxury to have enough kids in the program that we can make our own league and be able to administer to that league as efficiently as we do, but most of all we are extremely fortunate to have the dedication of our soccer families whose own high expectations of themselves help to set this organization apart from others. For all this and more, we have earned bragging rights of our own. Pride in the CLSF program begins with the players and their parents. That pride is displayed in many ways; signing up to volunteer, getting your child to practices and games or just simply enjoying the sport of soccer and the companionship of others who enjoy it just as much. While you're waiting for practice to end, or the game to begin, take a minute to really look around and appreciate all that we do right.

Fall 2006 - Spring 2007 Season

Bob Hansen – Director of Recreational Teams

Rec League team meetings were held the week of August 7-11. Team rosters are now set and each player will receive notification by post card with the name and number of his/her coach. Postcards were mailed on August 16. Every effort was made to honor coaching and teammate requests, however, this was not always possible, especially in cases where a particular coach had a full roster with players returning from the previous season.

PICTURE DAY/RAFFLE

Greg Cole Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 16, 2006. Pictures will again be taken at Lippold Park next to the sand volleyball courts located immediately east of the first parking lot off the entryway to 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. Team picture packets were distributed at the coaches meetings. Tents will be set up in case of inclement weather.

Raffle tickets will be distributed at the time pictures are taken. Each family must pick up their own tickets. Identification is required. Raffle tickets will not be mailed this year. If you are unable to pick up your tickets on picture day, you may make an appointment to pick them up at Soccerhouse. The raffle drawing will be held on September 30, at noon at Soccerhouse. You need not be present to win.

COACHES APPRECIATION DINNER

Greg Cole - Administrator

CLSF will host a coaches appreciation dinner on the evening of Saturday, September 23. The dinner is free of charge to coaches, assistant coaches and their spouses or significant others. Invitations (with r.s.v.p.) will be mailed to each coach and assistant coach. Details will be announced shortly. Check the Calendar page of the website for updates.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

Saturday, Sept. 23

Greg Ives – Knights of Columbus Youth Director and Past CLSF Board Member

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the Crystal Lake area competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lippold Park, near the Soccerhouse.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation and Knights of Columbus Fr. McCormick Council 3880. Entry is free and winners will advance to District, Regional and State competitions. International winners are announced by the K of C headquarters based on scores from State competitions.

All boys and girls from 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Contestants shoot on a standard-size soccer goal and earn points by kicking penalty kicks at the goal. Twenty points are awarded for shots in the upper corners, with lesser points being awarded for

shots scored in other areas of the goal.

All contestants are recognized for their participation in the events. Participants will be required to show proof of age and written parental consent. For more information call Greg Ives, Knights of Columbus Youth Director, at 815-455-4672.

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. 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.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

In the event of a medical or other emergency situation, seek out the assistance of a board member or field marshal patrolling the fields, or go to Soccerhouse and seek out a board member. The board member or field marshal will contact emergency personnel. You should not attempt to contact emergency personnel unless you are first unable to locate a board member or field marshal. Multiple phone calls or phone calls containing incorrect dispatching information can create response time delays.

The following procedures have been posted in Soccerhouse:

In case of a medical emergency, dial **911**. State that you are with the CRYSTAL LAKE SOCCER FEDERATION; that you need paramedics dispatched to SOCCERHOUSE located in LIPPOLD PARK, at 951 WEST ROUTE 176, CRYSTAL LAKE; advise the dispatcher to instruct the paramedics to COME DIRECTLY TO SOCCERHOUSE which is the gray block building located at the end drive of the first entry to the Park that is west of Route 14; and that someone will meet them there and guide them to the correct field. The dispatcher will ask you to describe the nature of the emergency. A Board Member or field marshal will meet the paramedics at the end of the driveway to Soccerhouse.

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. Access routes to those areas are also restricted. Maps designating those areas and routes are posted in the kiosks (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, while also assuring 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

CLSF has been contacted by one of the North Shore homeowner's associations with a request. Please do not Park 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.

CLSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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