



# Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

# Korner Kick

Spring 2005 Edition

## CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10	HSSL Boys Opening Day
April 16	Rec League Opening Day U9-U14
May 7	U6 (kindergarten age) Opening Day
May 21	CLSF Coaches Appreciation Event- details tba
June 4	Rec League Season Ends. Deadline for Coaches to hand in Coaching Status Info for 2005-06 Season
June 5	Last Day to Register Online for 2005-06 Season
August 8-12	Drafts/Coaches Meetings
September 10	Opening Day Fall 2005 Season
September 17	Picture Day, details tba



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Margie Johansson – President

Hopefully, by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, the grass will be greener, the air will be warmer and the days a bit longer. If not, we all know that the soccer season will still go on as scheduled.

I'd like to thank all of the coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers who came to the Annual Meeting in March. I believe that may have been the biggest show of people we have had in the past five years or so. I was most excited to hear the feedback and ideas many of you have. As the sport of soccer progresses, we have no choice but to move with it, and many of you have the experience and foresight that can aid in our progression. Whether you are a CLSF veteran or new to our organization, please

realize that you have a voice here – the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation belongs to every person in every family that registers in our program. That being said, I'd like to reiterate that we thrive on the volunteerism of our members. If you have something to offer whether it be time or talent, please come forward. We are always looking for help on the various committees it takes to keep things running smoothly. No matter how small your offering may seem to you, bring it forward, chances are it is very significant to us.

A couple of things to plan for this spring:

- \* We will be holding an end of the season, in-house "Round Robin" tournament the weekend of June 17-19. If your team is interested please contact us. More info will follow in a couple of weeks.
- \* Saturday player training will be open to all players on 4 designated Saturdays this spring. It is held in an open area near Soccerhouse. The workouts are on the light side since the main focus is to work on proper form and skill development, so even if you have just finished a game or have one later in the day, come out and participate. Coaches are welcome to come observe the trainers work with the kids.
- \* Team training sessions are being made available to Rec teams this spring. Give a session with a trainer a try – besides the fact that you have already paid for the first one, everyone will benefit from working with a professional.
- \* Take time to enjoy one of the nicest soccer complexes in the area. On game day, stop by Soccerhouse to see how nicely the brick pavers turned out – while you're there enjoy a treat from the concession stand and visit with fellow soccer enthusiasts who are also taking time from their busy lives to enjoy the

atmosphere of one of the nicest soccer complexes in our area.

As this spring season begins I wish you luck, and hope that this program is providing the soccer experience you are looking for. I know for a fact that it is through the spirit of friendly competition that relationships are built, enabling teamwork to develop – whether the bond is forming between the players on the field or the fans on the touchline, there is no arguing that we all benefit and become better people because of it.

Thanks for choosing to be here ... Let the games begin.

### **REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL 2005 – SPRING 2006 SEASON**

Jim Woeste – Registrar  
Mark Widing - Fundraising

The **deadline** to register for the 2005-06 Season is **June 5, 2005**. Register online at [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org). If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays up to and including Saturday June 4. During the Spring Season coaches will receive a list of current players rostered on their team who have not registered. Coaches are asked to remind those players to register by the deadline. Players who do not register by June 5 and desire to participate will be placed on a waiting list. However, CLSF cannot guaranty anyone on the waiting list a roster spot for the 2005-06 Season. **Players in the U6 to U14 age groups who register on or before midnight April 30, 2005, will save \$20 off the regular registration fee.**

At the time of registration, each family will be required to participate in one of our fundraising programs. Families will again be able to choose between two fundraising opportunities, a raffle or "Buy-A-Brick".

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 mailed to each family in August. Cash, and possibly other prizes, will be awarded. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at Soccerhouse. You need not be present to win.

If you select the "Buy-a-Brick" option, you will then have to select one of three brick sizes: \$50 (4" x 8"), \$100 (8" x 8") and \$300 (12" x 12"). Once you select the size of the brick you will be prompted to enter how you would like the brick engraved. Your engraved brick will be installed as part of a brick paver patio in front of Soccerhouse.

### **GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION**

Ken Hopp – Girls H.S. Rec Coordinator

Registration is now open for the Fall 2005 season of the girls rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) Teams play in the Northern Illinois High School Recreational Soccer League (NIHSRSL). The league is made up of 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 some opposing teams' towns to play games. The season begins either the first or second weekend in September.

Girls Rec HSSL teams may also participate in NIHSRSL 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.

Registration is via our website [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org). Registration ends June 5.

### **CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS**

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams

The Crystal Lake Force was formed 10 years ago with 2 teams. Today there are 16 teams ranging from U9 through U19. These teams are considered Competitive Teams (sometimes known as Select or Travel) because the players tryout and have to be selected to play, the competition level is higher, the teams participate in tournaments as well as league play year 'round and half of their outdoor season is played on the road. True there is a higher level of commitment expected from the Force players and the cost is substantially more for the year, but players develop at a quicker rate when participating in all of the aforementioned soccer opportunities. So if you are looking to take your game to a higher level and commit to the sport you love, come try out to play on a Crystal Lake Force team.

The Crystal Lake Force will hold tryouts for the 2005-06 soccer season on the following dates:  
Girls U9-U14 Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> & Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Boys U9-U14 Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>  
HS Girls Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>

All tryout times are from 6:00-8:00pm with sign in at 5:30pm

Players currently playing in the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation program should register for the 2005-06 season, players from outside the CLSF do not have to register prior to being selected for a Force team, but must be registered by June 15 if selected. CLSF registered players do not need to have a parent's signature on the tryout roster, any tryout participant not registered with the CLSF must be accompanied by a parent or guardian willing to sign the Waiver of Liability. No one will be allowed to participate if these conditions are not met.

All players should come to tryouts appropriately dressed for the weather and a soccer workout. Shinguards are mandatory and everyone should have a soccer ball and water bottle with them.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REGIONAL 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT**

Diane Van Goethem – Director of Special Events

The Crystal Lake Soccer Federation will be the host organization for a regional 3 v 3 soccer tournament to be held on August 13 and 14 at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex. The tournament will be organized and administered by an out side organization which has received permission from the Crystal Lake Park District to conduct the event. As host organization CLSF will earn significant monies from the tournament sponsor. In return CLSF has agreed to furnish volunteers to perform such duties as field preparation on Thursday August 11; distributing team packets at the tournament "pre-event" on Friday August 12; and performing field marshal, parking attendant, concession and cleanup duty on Saturday and Sunday August 13, and 14.

If you are able to volunteer please contact Diane Van Goethem at 815/459-3006.

### **ANNOUNCING EVENING HOURS AT SOCCERHOUSE**

Greg Cole – Administrator

Beginning in April Soccerhouse will be open regular evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7:45 PM. Evening hours will continue through the first week in June.

### **PORTABLE SOCCER GOAL SAFETY**

Earl Videan – Director of Safety

Most of you are by now aware of several soccer-related fatalities resulting from portable soccer goals falling on young players during practice. The cause in each instance was directly related to the fact that the goals were not anchored. CLSF has always taken great care to insure that all of 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 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 rules) 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**

Earl Videan – Director of Safety

The Crystal Lake Park District has purchased a THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System. 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.

In a developing storm the THOR GUARD unit evaluates the electrical energy within the atmosphere. When it 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**

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 2005-06 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 2005-06 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 4**. 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.**

## **ACCESSING YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION PAGE ON THE WEBSITE**

Bob Hansen – Director of Technology

Families can access their CLSF Family Page by going to the website at [www.clsf.org](http://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-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](mailto: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.

## **CLSF PETS AND SMOKING POLICIES**

Greg Cole - Administrator

To insure the health and safety of participants and spectators, CLSF will continue its standing policies regarding smoking and the presence of pets at the soccer fields on game days.

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.

Smoking is prohibited in the vicinity of the soccer fields and the area in and around Soccerhouse. Both of these policies were adopted by the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation with the advice and consent of the Crystal Lake Park District Board and Staff. Neither policy was adopted by the Crystal Lake Park District Board as one of its rules, regulations or ordinances.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of these CLSF policies.

## **CLSF 2005-06 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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