



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

Summer 2004 Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| July 26-29 &31 | Rec Coaching Clinics U6-U14 |
| August 2-6 | Coaches Meetings (U6-U9) Drafts (U10-U14) |
| August 19 | CLSF Monthly Board Meeting |
| Sept. 11 | Opening Day Fall 2004 Season |
| Sept. 16 | CLSF Monthly Board Meeting |
| Sept. 18 | Picture Day |
| Sept 25 | Raffle Drawing Cookout |



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Savillo – President

I hope that everyone is having a great summer. I am sure that you have all noticed the multitude of soccer camps that have sprouted in our area. This is another testament to the growth of this wonderful sport. Your Board of Directors has also been busy these past two months. First and foremost, we have finalized our training program for the 2004-2005 Season. This will be a structured program that will encompass both the competitive and recreational levels. The coaches will soon be receiving their respective training schedules. You will all soon meet our Head Trainer, Albert Adade.

Drafts/Coaches Meetings are just around the corner. Greg Cole and Bob Hansen will

be coordinating these sessions. Our goal is to make these sessions as easy as possible and resolve all roster issues during your sessions. Having done my share of draft days rest assured that our team has made every effort to make these sessions very easy and painless for everyone. The Draft/Registration process is a core competence of CLSF and has drawn from some of the best practices in the field.

We also completed one full season of small sided games for the U6 level. This was a success and we will continue this program as our current U6 players graduate to the higher age groups. The intent of small sided games is to ensure that the players get more touches of the ball and more involve in the game.

For those that attended the Fourth of July Parade you may have noticed CLSF's float. We all had fun at the parade and our players who participated had a grand time.

The Board looks forward to a great Fall 2004 season but for now let's all enjoy the summer.

CLSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEEKS CONCESSION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Margie Johansson – Vice-President

This past year, the members of the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation have enjoyed the convenience of the expanded concession menu at the Soccerhouse concession stand. Unfortunately, this past spring we lost our board member in charge of concessions – the rest of us tried to wing it

and realized that this job is too big for one person (not to mention that there are a couple of board members who for the safety of our members, should not be allowed around the kitchen equipment).

So, the CLSF Board decided we need a few volunteers to form a committee and take over managing the weekend operations of the Soccerhouse concession stand. This job will include such duties as learning how to use the equipment, being onsite on Saturdays to train and oversee operations, and looking out for new products and coming up with fun, fresh ideas to help business grow since we are hoping to be able to count on concessions to be a consistent source of income for CLSF. True the paycheck is not big, but you do get to meet many new people and help out the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation at the same time. I spent most of my Saturdays there this past spring and was surprised at the how many laughs we had.

Once again, at the drafts/coaches meetings, the coaches will be asked to pick a shift for their team to man the concession stand during the season, so for the most part, getting the volunteers will be taken care of for you. Most of the inventory, ordering, and delivery systems are already in play. And of course we offer extensive training and will have a board member available to you at all times. The Crystal Lake Soccer Federation needs YOU – please ask around and see if you can find a few fellow soccer parents who want to lend a hand and at the same time, add to the quality of our great program by handling this fun and rewarding job. For more information or to volunteer right away, email info@clsf.org, or leave a voicemail message at 815-477-CLSF (2573).

REC LEAGUE COACHING CLINICS

Greg Cole – Administrator

A series of coaching clinics for all CLSF Rec League coaches and their assistant coaches will be conducted by CLSF's new Head Trainer Albert Adade:

U14 - Monday, July 26
U12 - Tuesday, July 27
U9/U10 - Wed. July 28
U7/U8 - Thurs. July 29
U6 - Saturday, July 31

All clinics will run from 5:30 to 8 PM. Meet outside Soccerhouse which is located in the Lippold Park Soccer Complex. Dress appropriately for light drills and scrimmage (shin guards if possible and soccer or athletic shoes), bring a ball and water. The clinics are free to all Rec League coaches and assistant coaches.

Please register by either sending an email to info@clsf.org or by contacting us at 815/477-CLSF.

COACHES' MEETINGS & DRAFTS

Greg Cole – Director of Drafts

Following is the schedule for the Rec League Coaches Meetings and Drafts to be held at Soccerhouse located in the Lippold Park Soccer Complex:

Monday, August 2:

6-7:45 PM U6 Coaches Meeting
8-9:45 PM U14 Draft-Girls & Coed

Tuesday, August 3:

7-9 PM U12 Draft - Girls and Coed
Note: the U11 and U12 age groups are combined into one age group designated "U12". All players are allowed to return to their previous year's team/coach

Wednesday, August 4:

7-9 PM U10 Draft - Girls and Coed

Thursday, August 5:

7-9 PM U9 Coaches Meeting
Girls and Coed

Friday, August 6:

6-7:45 PM U7 Coaches Meeting
Girls and Coed
8-9:45 PM U8 Coaches Meeting
Girls and Coed

There will be no coach's draft for the U6, U7, U8, and U9 age groups. Players will be assigned to teams by the Draft

Committee, taking into consideration such factors as player's desire to return to the previous year's coach/team; neighborhood in which the player resides; school attended; car pooling; and teammate or coaching preference. While the Draft Committee cannot guaranty that all requests will be honored, it will make every effort to honor those requests.

IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL COACHES ATTEND DRAFT/COACHES MEETING. If a coach is unable to attend, an assistant coach or team representative must attend. Information regarding the Fall 2004 season will be announced and coaches manuals, uniforms, balls, picture order packets and other materials will be distributed. This will be the **only opportunity** for coaches to submit special requests for team concession stand and field marshal dates, as well as the only opportunity to make special requests for game scheduling.

Parents will receive notification of the name and phone number of their coach by the end of the second week in August.

Rec League game schedules will be posted approximately August 23, on the website www.clsf.org. The link to "Game Schedules" may be found on the "League Info" page.

ATHLETES WITH ASTHMA SEMINAR

Greg Cole - Administrator

CLSF will sponsor a seminar on asthma education conducted by Marc Rubin a Registered Pharmacist at Osco Drug and Respiratory Care Pharmacist. The seminar will be offered at Soccerhouse on two dates. The first will be held on Thursday August 12, 2004 from 7 PM to 9 PM. The seminar will also be held Thursday August 26, from 7 to 9 PM. The seminar is free to CLSF coaches (and their assistants) and officials. Topics covered will be terminology, medication, treatment, prevention and detection. I attended the seminar which was held last winter, and personally found it to be very interesting and informative. If you

are unable to attend in August, CLSF plans to have Marc conduct the seminar once more sometime during the winter.

Please register by either sending an email to info@clsf.org or by contacting us at 815/477-CLSF.

2004-05 RAFFLE & DRAWING

Greg Cole - Administrator

This year raffle tickets will be mailed to each participating CLSF household via first class mail. Tickets will be mailed the second week in August. The drawing will be held at Soccerhouse on Saturday, September, 25, 2004 at high noon. Tickets may be turned in at Soccerhouse any time before the drawing. There will be a secure and waterproof mailbox located outside the front door of Soccerhouse in which the tickets will be collected.

PICTURE DAY

Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 18, 2004, rain or shine, at the new Regional Sports Center (RSC). RSC is located in Ridgefield at 1310 Ridgefield Rd, about ½ mile east of Rt. 14. Teams will report to RSC one (1) hour before their scheduled game time. Competitive teams and Girls High School Rec teams who wish to have their pictures taken may report between 3:30 and 5 pm. **To help alleviate traffic congestion, please make every attempt to car pool.** Team picture packets for Rec League teams - U6 through U14 - will be distributed at the drafts and coaches meetings.

FALL COOKOUT

Greg Cole - Administrator

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 25, and join us at Soccerhouse for the Fall Cookout. Continuing a tradition begun last Fall, (but rudely interrupted in May by a nasty storm front) our concession menu will be expanded this day to include grilled hamburgers and brats, to go along with our regular menu of drinks, snacks a hotdogs and pizza.

Cookout begins at 11 AM and continues to 4 PM.

REFEREE TRAINING CLASSES

Bob Hansen – Head Referee and Assignor

The McHenry County Soccer Referee Association will hold 5 levels of training classes for referees this fall. The classes will be New Referee, Advanced Assistant Referee, U7-U8 Center Referee, U9-U10 Center Referee, and U11-U12 Center Referee. The schedule for the classes is as follows:

New Referee - Saturday, August 14, 2004, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is open to anyone 12 years of age or older. It is not just for those who wish to referee in the Soccer Federation, but for any coach or parent who would like to know more about the laws of the game and how they are applied. There will be a **\$15.00** fee for this class.

Advanced Assistant Referee - Saturday, August 21, 2004, 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M., at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is for referees who have attended the New Referee class and have refereed at least 6 games as an assistant referee. There will be a **\$12.00** fee for this class.

U7-U8 Center Referee - Saturday, August 21, 2004, 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is for referees who have attended the Advanced Assistant Referee class or have refereed at least 12 games as an assistant referee. There will be a **\$12.00** fee for this class.

U9-U10 Center Referee – Sunday, August 15, 2004, 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is for referees who have attended the U7-U8 Center Referee class or have refereed at least 12 games as a U7-U8

center referee. There will be a **\$12.00** fee for this class.

U11-U12 Center Referee – Sunday, August 22, 2004, 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is for referees who have attended the U9-U10 Center Referee class or have refereed at least 12 games as a U9-U10 center referee. There will be a **\$12.00** fee for this class.

Anyone attending any of the above classes must bring pen and paper. Those attending the New Referee, Advanced Assistant Referee, or the U7-U8 Center Referee should wear gym shoes and appropriate clothing for running in the gym. Those attending the New Referee course should also bring a lunch or make arrangements to go out for lunch, as lunch is NOT included.

To register for any of the above classes, fill out and return the enclosed registration form to:

MCSRA
4605 Daniel Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

If you are not sure which class is best for you, or would like more information about the courses, please email Bob Hansen at refbob@sbcglobal.net.

CLSF PARTICIPATES IN 4TH of JULY PARADE

Linda Aubert – Director/Secretary

Just like everyone else in town CLSF was wearing the red, white and blue during 4th of July activities in Crystal Lake. President John Savillo rode along on the float along with Coach (and CLSF Board member) Eric Johansson and Coach Tim VanGoethem. Board member and Coach Jack Bragg piloted the vehicle which pulled the float along the parade route. The theme of the float was “Summer Soccer” to remind spectators that although soccer is not played a whole lot in town during the summer, the USA soccer teams

will be playing in Athens at the Olympics in August. In addition Eric Johansson's U14 CLSF Force team will be participating in the USA Cup soccer tournament in Blaine, MN the week of July 18 – **good luck girls!**

Special thanks to and Sarah and Lanie Pigsley, Bob Staudt, Jack Bragg and Linda Aubert for their time and effort in getting the float prepared as well as to Bob Grassly for his assistance in providing shelter for the float during the preparation. Thank you to Sue and Terry Aavang of Huntley for the use of their flatbed. When it all comes together, it's just another great example of what teamwork can do in our organization!

COACHES APPRECIATION DAY

Greg Cole – Administrator

Despite threatening weather, a “window” opened just long enough for about 80 of our coaches, assistant coaches and their spouses to enjoy the CLSF Coaches Appreciation Evening on May 22 – under the big-top. We hope to continue this tradition next Spring before our season concludes.

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

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.

REFEREE TRAINING

Bob Hansen – Referee Administrator

The McHenry County Soccer Referee Association, the organization responsible for training **CLSF REFEREES**, will be offering training and licensing classes during the month of August. Dates and locations will be posted in the MCSRA website www.mysignup.com/mcsra

SOCCKERHOUSE MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE FOR YOUR TEAM EVENT

Greg Cole – Administrator

The meeting room in Soccerhouse is available for CLSF team meetings and other team functions. To check availability go to the CLSF website www.clsf.org and click the League Info button. Next click the “Soccer Links” Information link located on the lower left corner of the page. Once on the Soccer Links page, scroll down to Soccerhouse Facilities and click the Calendar link. To reserve Soccerhouse for your team meeting or function call 477-CLSF (2573) or send us an email at info@clsf.org.

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. 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.

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.

TRAILER STILL FOR SALE

Greg Cole – Administrator

CLSF is offering its remaining trailer for sale. Asking price is negotiable. Call 477-CLSF (2573) or email info@clsf.org.