



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

Spring 2004 Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22	CLSF Cookout. CLSF Coaches Appreciation Event
June 5	Rec League Season Ends. Deadline for Coaches to hand in Coaching Status Info for 2004-05 Season
June 6	Last Day to Register Online for 2004-05 Season
August 2-6	Drafts/Coaches Meetings
Sept. 11	Opening Day Fall 2004 Season
Sept. 8	Picture Day
Sept 25	Raffle Drawing



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back.....It's Spring Soccer

John Savillo - President

Finally, we are back playing soccer. We were fortunate to have great weather the first weekend and the second weekend was not so bad also. Hopefully, this will turn out to be a trend.

As always the board has been busy this off season. The CLSF Coaches meeting was well attended. We added two new board members in Kent Riddell and Greg Cole. Kent has children playing in our program

and Kent has taken on the role of Treasurer. Greg Cole is currently our Administrator and has decided to become a board member as well.

A primary focus of our program is to provide the best training possible to the players and the coaches. To this effect Margie Johansen, formerly our Treasurer, has taken on the position of Director of Training. Margie's primary role will be to develop a customized training program for both our competitive and recreational programs. Giving our kids and coaches the proper training in fundamentals is mission critical to the success of our league. We are also working towards holding a recreational tournament in the Spring of 2005. Plans are still tentative but stay posted.

Please note that we will have our season cookout in May courtesy of Chef Greg "Emeril" Cole. This was quite a success last season and we should expect the same.

Have a great season and see you all at the fields.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL 2004 - SPRING 2005 SEASON

Dan Meihls - Registrar

The **deadline** to register for the 2004-05 Season is **June 6, 2004**. Register online at www.clsf.org. If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays up to and including Saturday June 5. 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 6 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 2004-05 Season.

CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams

The Crystal Lake Force is the Competitive Team Program with the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation. Currently, our program has over 10 teams. The Crystal Lake Force Competitive Team Program is designed to fill the needs of young soccer players looking to bring their soccer experience to a higher level. Force players commit their time and efforts to the game of soccer, by playing tougher competition, concentrating on individual skill training, game strategy and team tactics. Most competitive teams practice and/or play soccer year 'round and attend tournaments as well as weekly games during the outdoor and indoor seasons. Most outdoor league games are played on Sunday. All home games are played at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex.

The Crystal Lake Force will hold its Competitive Team Tryouts for the 2004-05 Soccer Season on the following dates:

- Boys U9-U14 – Tuesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 13.
- Girls U9-U14 – Tuesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 20
- Girls U15-U19 – Sunday, May 23 and Wednesday, June 2

Tryouts will be held at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex from 6:00-8:00 pm. Sign-in will begin at 5:30pm at the concession windows at Soccerhouse. Players should attend both sessions.

In case of inclement weather, please check the Field Info page of our website www.clsf.org for cancellation and rain-date information.

Players currently registered in the CLSF Soccer Program should register online at www.clsf.org, prior to tryouts. Players not currently registered with CLSF will be required to have a parent or guardian present to provide necessary information and consents. Players selected to a Force team must register with CLSF by June 6, 2004.

All participants should be dressed for a soccer practice and appropriately for weather conditions. All players should bring a soccer ball and plenty of water. Shin guards are mandatory, no one may participate without them.

Should you have any questions or need additional information concerning tryouts or the Competitive Team Program, contact Eric Johansson at 815-477-7150 or via email at johanps@ameritech.net.

GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Ken Hopp – Girls H.S. Rec Coordinator

Registration is now open for the Fall 2004 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. Registration ends June 6.

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.

SPRING COOKOUT

Greg Cole - Administrator

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 22, and join us at the Soccerhouse for the Spring Cookout. Continuing a tradition begun last Fall, our concession menu will be expanded one day only 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.

COACHES APPRECIATION DAY

Greg Cole – Administrator

Saturday, May 22, will be CLSF Coaches Appreciation Day. To show our appreciation for the time and hard work

our volunteer coaches put in each season, CLSF invites all head and assistant coaches and their spouses/significant others to attend a cookout/picnic at Soccerhouse. Festivities begin at 6 PM and will last until the food and/or beverages are gone. Menu to include: burgers, brats, dogs, chicken, pasta, veggies, deserts, soda, beer and wine. Head coaches are asked to RSVP for their team by May 15 at info@clsf.org so that we can get a head count.

Athletes with Asthma Seminar

Greg Cole - Administrator

On Wednesday, March 10, CLSF sponsored a seminar on asthma education conducted by Marc Rubin a Registered Pharmacist at Osco Drug and Respiratory Care Pharmacist. The seminar was free to CLSF coaches and officials. Topics covered were terminology, medication, treatment, prevention and detection. I personally found the seminar to be very interesting and informative. CLSF plans to have Marc conduct three more such seminars over the course of the 2004-05 Season. Dates and times will be posted in the next edition of this newsletter and the News/Events page of the website www.clsf.org.

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

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 2004-05 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 2004-05 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 5**. 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.

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 next edition of this newsletter and on the News/Events page of the website www.clsf.org and 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. Conditions: "as is" no warranties or representations. Asking price: \$1,000.00, firm. Bill of sale only. No title. Questions call 477-CLSF (2573) or email us at info@clsf.org.

MONTHLY CLSF BOARD MEETINGS

Greg Cole – Administrator

The CLSF Board of Directors holds regular monthly meetings which are open to all members. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM at Soccerhouse. If you have a concern, suggestion, inquiry or any other matter which you wish to bring before the Board, please contact us at 815/477-CLSF (2573) or by email info@clsf.org. Your item will be given priority on the meeting agenda for that evening.