



# Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

## Korner Kick

Winter 2004 Edition

### CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 7-8	USSF Entry Level Referee Clinic
February 19	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
February 21	CLSF/MCSRA U9-U10 Center Referee Class. CLSF/MCSRA U11-U12 Center Referee Class
February 25	Annual Meeting/Winter Coaches Meeting
February 28	CLSF/MCSRA U8 Center Referee Class. CLSF/MCSRA Advanced Assistant Referee Class
February 29	USSF Referee Refresher Clinic
March 10	Asthma Clinic
March 13	CLSF/MCSRA New Referee Class
March 17	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
April 1	Online Registration begins for 2004-05 Season
April 17	Rec League Opening Day
April 18	Boys HSSL Opening Day
May 8	U6 League Opening Day
May 22	CLSF Cookout. Coaches Appreciation Event
June 5	Rec League Season Ends
June 6	Last Day to Register Online for 2004-05 Season



### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & WINTER COACHES MEETING**

#### **Administrator**

The 2004 CLSF Annual Meeting and Winter Coaches Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 25, 2004 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Home State Bank Community Room located in the Bank's Operation Center at the corner of Woodstock and Minnie Streets in downtown Crystal Lake, across from the Metra Station parking lot. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect five (5) new members to the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running for a Board position should contact CLSF at 815/477-2573 or via email at [info@clsf.org](mailto:info@clsf.org).

The purpose of the coaches' portion of the evening is an informational meeting for the upcoming Spring Season. *The head coach, an assistant coach or other team representative is required to attend this meeting.* This meeting will be the only opportunity for coaches to submit special scheduling requests. No requests will be accepted after this meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **A New Year and A New Season**

John Savillo – President

It is about this time of the year that cabin fever starts to set in. Thank goodness for indoor sports and shopping malls. But the good news is, spring is just around the corner and the cycle goes on. Your CLSF Board has been busy identifying

opportunities for improvement in the coming season.

We thank you for your support of the raffle last season. With the proceeds from the raffle we were able to reduce the amount of our construction loan for Soccerhouse to only two thirds of the original amount anticipated. What this means for CLSF is less interest payments over the life of the mortgage as well as a faster payoff. The investment in our concession stand is also beginning to reap financial dividends and of course a great menu selection for everyone. The repayment of the Soccerhouse loan has led to us having to tighten our belts in the immediate future and increase our fundraising activities through future raffles. However, the tangible benefits that the Soccerhouse brings will far outweigh the costs that we will incur.

Another new twist that the board “concocted” right after this Fall season was a decision to mail out a survey questionnaire to all the parents of our competitive team players. Parents and players this is your chance to give the board and your coach the opportunity to hear from you. Please respond to this survey, as the information that you will share with us will be instrumental in shaping the future of our competitive league. The coaches would of course love to know how they are doing. Plans are also underway to expand this survey to our recreational league.

This spring also marks my first full year as your board president. In a way I was fortunate to have inherited a Board and an Administrator in Greg Cole that was well versed in the operations of our league. It made my job quite easier. Our objectives are fairly simple and straightforward, namely:

- Continue to provide an affordable quality program at both recreational and competitive levels for all children from school levels kindergarten through high school.

- Maintain emphasis on positive reinforcement and coaching.
- Focus on skill development through quality coaching and scheduled training classes.
- Payoff the mortgage incurred in the construction of Soccer House.
- Ensure that every game day Saturday brings out the joy of soccer to every player, friends and family.

To one and all, the Board wishes you and your family a Happy New Year. Our spring season is just around the corner and we can't wait to bring the goals back out again. See you at the fields. Ole.

John Savillo, CLSF President

#### **Athletes with Asthma Seminar: For Coaches and Referees**

Marc Rubin, R.Ph. Respiratory Care Pharmacist, Osco Drug, Inc., CLSF past President and current Director

On Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, a seminar on asthma education will be presented to all CLSF referees, and either the coach or assistant coach of each CLSF team. The seminar will be held at the Home State Bank Community room located in the Operations Center, at the corner of Woodstock and Minnie Streets in downtown Crystal Lake across from the Metra Station parking lot. Registration will be at the Annual Coaches Meeting, Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7PM. CLSF has arranged to pick up the cost of the seminar, therefore, *the seminar is free to all CLSF referees, coaches and assistant coaches who attend.*

Approximately 15% of the population has asthma, a chronic inflammatory disease of the airways. It is highly likely that at least one player on your team has this condition, and it is important to understand what triggers and attack, how to prevent attacks from occurring, what is used to treat an attack, and how to work with the asthmatic athlete, so they can achieve the highest level of play that they aspire to. There is no reason to sideline these athletes, for many have attained

world-class athletic achievement, e.g. Jackie Joyner Kersey and Dennis Rodman.

This past year, a child in a sports program in Schaumburg died of an acute attack. Of the approximately 5000 persons who died last year from asthma, 90% were preventable. This seminar will present you with the information you need to insure that a tragedy, like the one in Schaumburg, does not occur here. Discussion will cover medications and procedures to be followed to allow the asthmatic athlete to have a full, normal life.

Parents: *due to space limitations, this presentation will only be for referees and coaches.* If you would like to see this seminar repeated, please send an e-mail giving your full name, daytime phone number and the number of people interested in attending to: [clsf-asthma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clsf-asthma@sbcglobal.net), or call and leave a message with the above information at the CLSF office: (815) 477-2573. If there is enough interest, another seminar will be scheduled at a later date.

### **REFEREE TRAINING**

Bob Hansen – Referee Administrator

#### **CLSF REFEREES:**

The McHenry County Soccer Referee Association, the organization responsible for training **CLSF REFEREES**, will be offering 5 levels of classes: 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 Referees – Saturday, March 13, 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. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by February 28, 2004.

Advanced Assistant Referee – Saturday, February 28, 2004, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, 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. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by February 8, 2004.

U7-U8 Center Referee - Saturday, February 28, 2004, 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.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. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by February 8, 2004.

U9-U10 Center Referee – Saturday, February 21, 2004, 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, 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. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by February 1, 2004.

U11-U12 Center Referee – Saturday, February 21, 2004, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, 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 and have refereed at least 12 games as a U9-U10 center referee. There will be a \$12.00 fee for this class. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by February 1, 2004.

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.

If you are not sure which class is best for you, or would like more information about the courses, please call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451.

#### USSF ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE CLINIC

There will be a United States Soccer Federation entry level referee clinic held at Hannah Beardsley Middle School on Saturday and Sunday, February 7 & 8, 2004. The clinic is a two-day clinic and runs from 9 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each day. The clinic costs \$30.00, which is non-refundable. In addition, there is a \$25.00 US Soccer certification fee. This clinic is for anyone wishing to become a certified US Soccer referee. Upon successful completion of this clinic (getting a 75 or better on the test) the new referee will be a Grade 8 certified referee. This is the level that is required to referee and/or assistant referee at the "Travel/Competitive" levels. If a referee does not pass the certification test, a refund of only the \$25.00 certification fee will be given.

Each referee must bring the following:

1. His/her Social Security number
2. A check for \$55.00 (Clinic fee + Registration fee) made out to the Illinois State Referee Committee
3. #2 pencil
4. Pen and paper to take notes
5. Money for snacks and pop
6. Lunch or be able to go out to lunch

Anyone wishing to attend this clinic must pre-register by January 15, 2004, in order to attend. To pre-register go to [www.mysignup.com/mcsra](http://www.mysignup.com/mcsra) and follow the directions. For more information call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451.

#### USSF REFERESHER REFEREE CLINIC

There will be a United States Soccer Federation refresher level referee clinic held at Hannah Beardsley Middle School on Sunday, February 29, 2004. The clinic is a one-day clinic and runs from 9 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The clinic costs \$30.00, which is non-refundable. In addition, there is a \$25.00 US Soccer certification fee. This clinic is for every 2003 certified referee wishing to retain his or her certification for 2004. If a referee does not pass the certification test, a refund for the certification fee only will be given.

Each referee must bring the following:

1. His/her 2004 Referee Registration Form (If already mailed in bring in pink copy for proof)
2. A check for the cost of the clinic and registration fee (\$30.00+\$25.00) made out to Illinois State Referee Committee.
4. #2 pencil
5. Pen and paper to take notes.
6. Money for snacks and pop
7. Lunch or be able to go out to lunch

Anyone wishing to attend this clinic must pre-register by Sunday, February 18, 2004, in order to attend. To pre-register go to [www.mysignup.com/mcsra](http://www.mysignup.com/mcsra) and follow the instructions. For more information call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451.

#### COACHING CLINICS

Linda Enwiya – Director of Education and Training

CSLF will once again sponsor clinics for coaches who wish to obtain their "E" Coaching Certificate or "D" Coaching License. Watch your mail, email and the News/Events page of the website for upcoming dates and locations.

#### BOYS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Bob Hansen – Boys H.S. Rec Coordinator

Registration is now open for the Spring 2004 season of the boys rec High School Soccer League (HSSL). Games will be played at Lippold Park on Sundays. The

game times range from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM depending on the number of teams. The league will run from April 18, through June 6, 2004. That is a total of 8 weeks. We do play Memorial Day weekend. The cost is \$115.00. You can also register on line at [www.eteamz.com/hssl](http://www.eteamz.com/hssl), there is an additional admin charge, or you can contact Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 to obtain a registration form.

### **BUY A BRICK PROGRAM EXTENDED**

Mark Widing – Director of Fundraising

The Crystal Lake Soccer Federation has the answer for those of you looking for a way to reward your coach for a job well done during this season. Show your team's appreciation by immortalizing their name with the Buy-A-Brick program.

The area across the front of the Soccerhouse will consist of paving bricks. When you purchase one or more bricks your coach's name permanently engraved in the brick and be laid at the site. The enclosed order form contains all the details for placing your order. Return the completed form to the Soccerhouse prior to June 5, 2004.

The Buy-A-Brick project is a wonderful opportunity to both honor the coach's who have donated their time and support your organization at the same time.

### **SOCCERHOUSE MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE FOR YOUR TEAM EVENT**

Bob Hansen – Director of Automation and Technology

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](http://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](mailto:info@clsf.org).

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

Administrator

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.

### **TRAILER FOR SALE**

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](mailto:info@clsf.org).

### **MONTHLY CLSF BOARD MEETINGS**

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](mailto:info@clsf.org). Your item will then be given priority on the meeting agenda for that evening.