



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

Fall 2003 Mid-Season Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 16	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
Oct. 25	Fall Rec League Season Ends
Nov. 20	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
Dec. 18	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
Jan. 1, 2004	Spring Waitlist Opens
Jan 15	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Savillo – President

Dear friends,

By the time this newsletter gets to you our Fall 2003 season should be headed towards the finish line. As always, for those involved in the preparations for soccer Saturdays it is always gratifying to see the smiling faces of all the children, coaches and parents alike on game days. We have 1,811 rec and 130 competitive players registered with CLSF this season. Some of the highlights of the first 4 weeks of our season are as follows:

- We celebrated our Soccerhouse Grand Opening and held our Raffle drawing. Congratulations to the winners. The weather was on our side hence what a great day for the cookout.
- For our U6 players, coaches and parents, it has been a

blast. The smaller fields and goals combined with 4 V 4 play on each side keeps our future soccer stars and spectators really involved in the game.

- The Coaches training programs administered by Pro Excel were well attended. We initially ran into a scheduling snafu but we were able to offer multiple make up sessions which went very well.
- The Coaches Orientation and Drafts that were held at the new Soccerhouse provided comprehensive information about CLSF but was brief and to the point. The draft process was efficient as we had real time access to our database. Roster changes were immediately handled and resolved.
- Picture Day was much easier this time around. The objective was to avoid the mass confusion and traffic that we experienced last year. We met our goal by holding Picture Day offsite.
- As promised, our Concessions team has added more choices to our menu. Please stay tuned as they have some very interesting ideas for next season.

One other note, CLSF and the Board would like to express their gratitude to the management of the Regional Sports Center (RSC) for giving CLSF access to

their facilities for picture taking and coaches training.

We will utilize the off season to lay the groundwork for reengineering our program. We made some headway this season but our work is never done. There is always room for change and change is good. I am amazed at how our committed Board members and Administrator continue to operate and run our league efficiently and to the best of our abilities. We have well trained referees and coverage has never been an issue. The fields are impeccable and always properly lined. Field marshal volunteers are usually available to help answer questions during game day. Soccerhouse hours are now posted. In a nutshell, we continue to cover our bases at the tactical plane. Our next challenge will be at the strategic level. However, before we can strategize and expand our vision we need to hear from you as well. Please advise us of any issues thoughts or ideas via our web site. Furthermore, if you feel that you have the time and passion to help CLSF continue to “change” it’s world please contact Greg Cole to discuss opportunities for joining the CLSF Board.

For those interested, some of the projects that we have lined up in between seasons are as follows:

- Modify and/or document all policies and procedures for CLSF. We operate in a fluid environment and our policies and procedures need to be kept current.
- Incorporate basic Six Sigma principles into how our operations. We need to gather data from our past performance and constituents. The goal is to transform this data into metrics that will help us better run our program.

Why do we all this? Simple, we do this for the kids who play in our league. Ultimately our goals are to instill the

values of teamwork, fair play, good sportsmanship and of course to introduce the joy of soccer to our children. In light of these objectives, CLSF will always to continue to evolve and reinvent itself to ensure that we deliver on these objectives.

See you at the fields.

WHEN ASTHMA AND SOCCER COLLIDE: LEARNING TO CARE FOR OUR KIDS’ NEEDS

Marc Rubin, R.Ph., Respiratory Care Pharmacist, Osco Drug,

Nationwide, 15% of the population has asthma. Two-thirds of this group is made up of children. What does that mean to the coaches and officials of the CLSF? Of approximately 2200 participants in our program, around 220 of our children have the condition. What this means is that each team likely has at least one asthmatic child.

What do we do? Should the child not be able to join the program, out of fear that maybe something untoward will occur? Or, do we become educated in how best to meet their needs, enabling the child to live a full, normal life. With the vast improvements made in the prevention of symptoms, and proper treatment to control the underlying illness, no one need be sidelined from playing. Upon receiving proper education and training, our coaches and officials can be prepared to meet the needs of our children, and provide a safer environment for them be in.

The first step was taken at the beginning of this season, with the banning of smoking at the soccer fields of Lippold, during game times. Smoke is the number one trigger for an asthma attack, and being in an open area *does not* mitigate the problem.

The next step this coming spring will be a class for all coaches, referees and officials of the CLSF, prior to the start of the season. The “Asthma and Athletes” seminar was offered in the spring and fall through the Crystal Lake Park District. If

there is further interest, another class for parents and children could be set up in the future.

Watch the CLSF website for further information as to date and time.

RAFFLE DRAWING RESULTS

Administrator

The winners of the 2003 Raffle Fundraiser drawing are:

1 st Place	B. Hart	\$2,000
2 nd Place	E. Bruksch	\$1,000
3 rd Place	M.Szumlas	\$750
4 th Place	S. Vedra	\$500
5 th Place	R. Denny	\$300
6 th Place	Nowell	\$150
7 th Place	S. Heavner	\$100
8 th Place	K. Graef	\$ 50
9 th Place	J. Peterson	\$ 50
10 th Place	G. Schutz	\$ 50

Thank you to everyone for their support. The raffle fundraiser netted over \$50,000.00 which will be applied to debt reduction on the Soccerhouse building project.

SOCCERHOUSE CONCESSION AREA

Shawn Guminski – Director of Concessions

On behalf of the CLSF, I would like to thank all the coaches for their cooperation in assigning team parents to work in our new concession area. It seems to be working great for all involved.

For those that haven't been to the concession area, we have added many new items to this season's menu and hope to add a couple more next year. Currently we are serving pizza from Georgio's, hot dogs, soft hot pretzel's with cheese, popcorn, nachos & cheese and of course all the packaged chips and candy. Our drinks include, coffee by Caribou, hot chocolate, Pepsi products and Gatorade products.

In addition to all our food products, we have our CLSF Sports Apparel for sale

and on display inside Soccerhouse anytime on game days.

If anyone should have a suggestion of what they would like us to add, please let us know.

We are working hard to expand the same regular concession service on Sundays beginning next season.

COOKOUT EVENT

Administrator

Thanks to your support the September 20 cookout was a great success. Plans are already in the works to make the cookout a regular seasonal event. Next Spring Season we would like to include a Saturday evening coaches appreciation event which will coincide with the cookout date.

We would also like to thank the Crystal Lake Park District for the use of the tent, grill and propane.

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 \$90.00 if registration is received by 2/1/2004. Registrations received after 2/1/2004 will be \$115.00. All you have to do is fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it with a check payable to CLSF to:

Bob Hansen
4605 Daniel Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

You can also register on line at www.eteamz.com/hssl, but there is an additional charge.

Additional registration forms can be obtained by calling Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 and making arrangements for pick up or you can go to www.eteams.com/hssl and download the form.

If you have any questions, or know of someone who would like to join the league, please call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED TO INSTALL PAVER PATIO AT SOCCERHOUSE

Administrator

CLSF is still looking for volunteers to help install the brick paver patio/walkway at Soccerhouse. Installation will be delayed until the spring season until a new supplier can be secured (we have been contacted by a potential supplier and things look promising). We will need volunteers who are experienced in this type of installation. If you are available please contact us at 477-CLSF (2573) or email us at info@clsf.org.

TRAILER FOR SALE

Administrator

Although the small trailer has been sold, the large trailer is still available. The trailer is 28' long; has a/c; is electrically wired; is wired for phones; and has plumbing for a self contained two-compartment sink w/ hot water heater. The trailer is being sold in "as is" condition, no representations, no warranties. Asking price is \$1,000.00 FIRM. Bill of sale only. No title. Questions call 477-CLSF (2573) or email us at info@clsf.org

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE AT WORK

Administrator

Ever ask yourself the question "where does my registration fee go?" Each year the Board reviews actual expenses and registration counts from the previous year, combines that review with projected costs for running the program in the coming year, and then formulates a budget. The per player registration fee is determined

by dividing the proposed budget by the projected number of registered players. This year the registration fee was applied to the following areas:

- Coaches background checks, appreciation event and education and training;
- Fields and game day equipment including balls, field lining paint, field liner and golf car maintenance, replacement of nets, goals, corner flags, and signage;
- Registration related fees such as publicity, and bankcard transaction fees;
- Administrator salary and related expenses;
- Insurance - liability and personal property;
- Korner Kick newsletter, printing and mailing;
- Legal;
- Office related supplies, phones, DSL;.
- Referee training, game fees and assignor fee;
- Field useage fees;
- Soccerhouse utilities including electric, sewer and water, alarm system, maintenance and cleaning (NOTE – Soccerhouse debt retirement, including payment of principal and monthly interest, is paid from the funds raised by the raffle); and
- Uniforms.

WAITLIST FOR SPRING 2004 SEASON

Administrator

The waitlist for the Spring 2004 season will open on January 1, 2004. To place a

child on the waitlist, go to the website www.clsf.org and click the "Waitlist" link which will be located in the upper left corner of the home page. If you had a child on the Fall 2003 Waitlist who we were unable to place with a team, you must still place your child on the Spring 2004 Waitlist.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is already registered and is participating in our Fall 2003 season s/he is already registered for the Spring 2004 Season. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RE-REGISTER FOR THE SPRING 2004 SEASON.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Administrator

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.

Have a Board member or field marshal meet the paramedics at the end of the driveway to Soccerhouse.

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 areas.

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. 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.

SOCCERHOUSE MEETING ROOM AVAILABILITY

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 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.

CLSF PETS AND SMOKING POLICIES

Administrator

To insure the health and safety of participants and spectators, CLSF will continue its policies implemented last season 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.