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CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 12	Rec League Opening Day U5-U14
April 13	Boys Rec HSSL Season Opens
May 1	Registration begins for 2014-15 season
June 15	Last Day to Register for 2014-15 Season



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Schofield – President

Welcome back to soccer... we think. Here at CLSF we're hopeful that the near record snowfall will melt in time for the start of our **Force** competitive program training in early April and our Recreational season opener on Saturday, April 12. If not we may need to start an outdoor hockey league on the ice covered soccer fields at Lippold. All kidding aside, there are still a few days left to register for the CLSF spring only soccer option so please spread the word to anyone that may be interested in joining our league. Please note that any players who participated in the fall are automatically registered for the full year, which includes the spring season.

It was great to see our Recreational coaches at the CLSF Annual Meeting in February, where we held elections for our Board of Directors. Please join me in welcoming new Board members Joe Schenher and Ryan Savage (Ryan re-joins us after a recent sabbatical), and also in welcoming back Board members Jack Bragg, Tracey Dayton, and Bernadine Hansen to new three-year terms. I also want to take this opportunity to thank departing Board member Derek Gablenz for his dedication and service to the CLSF over the past three years as our Director of Safety.

In the coming months we will start preparing for the 2014-2015 soccer year. Registration for the recreational program begins on May 1st. Tryouts for the CLSF **Force** competitive program are coming up in May and June. More details are provided in the related articles in this newsletter and also at www.clsf.org.

Good luck to all our Recreational and **Force** players in the upcoming spring season. If there's anything we can do to improve your soccer experience please drop us a note at info@clsf.org or stop by and see us at the soccer house. I look forward to seeing you at Lippold this season.

Introducing your Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors and Staff for 2014-15:

Steve Schofield - President
Tracy Dayton -Vice President
Eric Bertalon - Treasurer
Steve Scarfe – Secretary/Competitive Teams
Donna Bertalon – Assistant Treasurer
Dave Besterfeldt – Fields
Jack Bragg – At Large
Joseph Schenher - Safety
Bernadine Hansen – Concessions
Bob Hansen – Recreational Teams
Dan Quinn – Website/Publicity
Ryan Savage – Tournament Coordinator
Thomas Bureson – Competitive Teams

Staff

Greg Cole – Administrator
Dan Quinn – Force Program Director and Director of Coaching and Player Development
Bob Hansen – Referee Development

REGISTRATION FOR BOYS' REC HSSL STILL OPEN

Bob Hansen – Rec League Director

The Boys' Rec High School Soccer League (HSSL) begins play on Sunday, April 13, 2014. The season runs through June 8 (exclusive of Easter Sunday, but including Memorial Day weekend). Game times on Sunday can range from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM depending on the number of teams. All games are played at Lippold Park.

CLSF HSSL is popular because it allows players the opportunity to participate in organized soccer games even though they are unable to practice due to other school or personal commitments. Teams are made up of players from different schools and different ages. This keeps the teams balanced, friendly, and competitive.

As was the case last year we are offering a chance for 8th graders already registered with CLSF to play in the HSSL. The registration fee is \$150.00 for grades 9-12. 8th graders who are already registered for the fall 2013 rec season pay only \$80.00.

To register go to www.clsf.org and click the "JOIN US" menu bar item and follow the instructions. This is a new registration system for rec players, so unless you have a player already involved this year in a CLSF program, you will need to create a new account. If you have questions please contact Bob Hansen at refbob@sbcglobal.net

REC SKILLS AND GOALKEEPER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

CLSF Recreational Skills and Goalkeeper training are FREE training programs run by FORCE Staff Coaches for CLSF recreational players looking to improve their technical ball skills and "keeper" techniques. These programs are open to any CLSF Recreational player looking to improve his or her game. During skills training, players will spend most of training sessions with the ball at their feet learning to master different technical elements of the game. During goalkeeper training sessions players will learn the basic techniques of keeper position.

Skills Training Dates:

April 8 - May 15 (no training on school holidays)

Days

Tuesday/Thursday

Times:

4:30-5:30 - U5-U7

5:30-6:30 – U8-U10

6:30-7:30 – U12-U14

Keeper Training Dates:

April 7 to May 12 (no training on school holidays)

Days:

Mondays

Times:

4:30-5:30 – ages 7-9

5:30-6:30 – ages 10-12

6:30-7:30 – ages 13-14

Where:

All sessions at Lippold Park Training Area (near Soccerhouse)

NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY FOR THESE PROGRAMS!!

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2014 – SPRING 2015 REC LEAGUE SEASON

Greg Cole – Registrar

Registration for the Fall 2014-Spring 2015 Season begins May 1. Register online at www.clsf.org and follow the instructions which will be posted on the Home page. If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays from 9AM to 3 PM, beginning April 12 and continuing through June 1. Thereafter, online registration continues through June 15. We do not anticipate an increase in fees for the coming year.

During the latter part of the Spring 2014 Season, Recreational League coaches will receive a list of current players rostered on their team who have not registered. Coaches will be asked to remind those players to register by the **deadline June 15, 2014**. Players who do not register by June 15 and desire to participate will be placed on a waiting list. CLSF cannot guaranty anyone on the waiting list a roster spot for the 2014-15 Season. Those players will be subject to the increased base fee rate.

GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Ages U15-U19, Grades 9-12)

Ken Hopp – Girls Rec H.S.S.L. Coordinator

Registration for the Fall 2014 season of the Girls Rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) begins May 1. Registration is via our website www.clsf.org.

Teams play in the Northern Illinois High School Recreational Soccer League (NIHSRSL) also known as the BLACKMORE LEAGUE in honor of the league's founder. The league is made up of approximately 16 teams from local communities which participate in scheduling matches. League matches are played on Sundays. Home matches are played at Lippold Park.

CLSF teams will travel to play some games in opposing teams' communities. The season begins the end of August and runs through the last weekend in October.

Girls NIHSRSL teams may also participate in League 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. Traditionally three tournaments are offered throughout the season. Some additional costs may be incurred by players depending on tournament participation and selection of uniforms.

JOIN THE LARGEST COMPETITIVE PROGRAM IN McHENRY COUNTY!

Dan Quinn – Force Program Director and Director of Coaching and Player Development

The CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE is the Competitive branch of CLSF. The **FORCE** is run by a full-time staff of professional coaches. Our staff is managed by full-time Age Group Coordinators under the direction of a full-time Program Director. The FORCE is the only program in the area operating under this model. We do so to ensure consistent player development from U8-U23!

The **FORCE** boasts the most qualified staff coaches in the area with a unique blend of cultures, experience, and the highest levels of coaching certifications. We have staff coaches from: Brazil, Costa Rica, Croatia, England, Spain & the United States. We have multiple coaches with the highest level of certifications - USSF A Certifications & NSCAA Premier Diplomas. To ensure that your players are learning the game from an experienced, certified staff, all of our coaches have a minimum of a USSF National License!

Our teams also compete at the highest level. In 2013 the U14 FORCE Elite Boys were U.S. Presidents Cup National Champions

Our **FORCE** program is able to accomplish all this at a lower cost than any comparable program. Our players train more; compete in more games and tournaments; and pay less! We believe that competitive soccer can be affordable and still provide an environment to enable your player to get where he or she wants to go. We continue to prove this each year!

2014-15 FORCE Tryout Dates

Is your player looking to take their game to the next level? The FORCE is CLSF's Competitive Program with

over 630 players and over 50 teams U8-U23. The FORCE is the largest, most cost effective program in McHenry County, and has the highest level of competition with the most Midwest Regional and IYSA Premiership teams of any club in McHenry County.

As always, tryouts are free, so why not give it a try!

Tryout registration will open on April 1 and the dates are as follows:

High School Girls (U15-U18) - May 4th & 11th

U23 Men & Women - May 18th

Youth (U8-U14) - May 27th - 30th

High School Boys (U15-U18) - June 8th & October 12th

Full details can be found here:

<http://www.clsf.org/page/show/999514-tryouts->

2014 Force Graduating Class

The FORCE is PROUD to announce our 2014 High School Girls College Commitments:

Audrey Collard
Lewis University - NCAA DII

Caitlyn Dayton
Grandview University - NAIA

Alexandria Fanning
Grandview University - NAIA

Theresa Felchuk
Western Illinois University - NCAA DI

Kelly Grady
Judson University - NAIA

Erin Gisinberg
Maryville University - NCAA DII

Leiana Hanno
University of Wisconsin at Whitewater - NCAA DIII

Alexis Morales
Western Illinois University - NCAA DI

Stephanie Neumann
Ripon University - DIII

Avalon Sean-Raemont
Loyola University - NCAA DI

Alexandra Siavelis
Western Illinois University - NCAA DI

Hannah Weber
Lewis University - NCAA DII

Rachel Zobott
University of Illinois - Chicago - NCAA DI

Jacqueline Guilbeault
Viterbo College - Wisconsin NAIA

Congratulations girls and best of luck in the next stage of your playing careers!

CLSF SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS- Registration Now Open

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

If you are looking for additional playing opportunities for your players this spring/summer, CLSF offers camps and classes to help develop your players love of the game. We have camps for players ages 3-18 and all ability levels, so we are bound to have something for your player!

All CLSF camps are run by our FORCE Staff coaches at Lippold Park.

For camp details and to register, go to:
<http://www.clsf.org/page/show/999120-camps-classes->

CLSF FIREARMS POLICY

Greg Cole – Administrator

In keeping with state and local laws regulating the use of firearms, the possession of firearms is prohibited in or around Soccerhouse as well as the soccer fields at Lippold Park.

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE/REMOTE PARKING PICKUP

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. This service is also available to families with small children who may have to park in outlying parking lots at Lippold. If you find yourself in this situation, please use your cell phone to contact us at Soccerhouse 459-2573, and we will send someone out to pick you up.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

Money will be earned for each recycled phone. Please drop off your old cell phones at:
Soccerhouse
Or
BOB HANSEN – 4605 DANIEL DRIVE, CRYSTAL LAKE

If you know of a business that will serve as a drop off location, contact Bob Hansen at refbob@sbcglobal.net

EAST MONEY

Bob Hansen

Usually if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is, but the CLSF credit card fundraiser is not one of those times. All you need to do is get the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation credit card and you can start donating to our cause with your everyday purchases. CLSF will earn \$50 after your first purchase with your CLSF card and continue to earn 2% on gas and food purchases and 1% on all other purchases, as well as 10% on purchases made at select merchants using your CLSF credit card.

The \$50 first time purchase may not sound like a lot, but we have about 1200 families, so if every family used their CLSF Capital One Visa card just for this year's registration. CLSF would receive over **\$62,000**. The 2% may also sound insignificant, but if the average family used their card to pay for \$100 per week for food and \$20 per week in gas, CLSF would receive almost **\$150,000** per year. The dollars can add up quickly, and our lights could be paid for in a very short time. But all of this can only happen with your support. So apply for your CLSF Capital One Visa today. The card comes with either CLSF logo or the Force logo, so you can show your support every time you use it.

To apply or learn more about the CLSF Visa Card go to

www.cardlabconnect.com/clsf

RECREATIONAL SOCCER AND THE PARENT

By Bob Hansen – CLSF Recreational Director

What is recreational soccer and what is my job as a parent? These should be the questions on every parent's mind when they register their children to play recreational soccer. In order to answer these questions, a definition of recreational soccer is needed. The CLSF defines recreational soccer as, "**A soccer program that is devoted to the enjoyment and development of soccer players without the emphasis on travel or high level competition. The purpose of recreational soccer is to provide an opportunity for**

the participants to have fun, learn the sport and develop life skills including a life-long love of the game." Based on this definition, parents should expect their children to have fun and learn something at every soccer activity.

As a parent you need to support your child and the program so that everyone can reap the benefits of the CLSF recreational soccer program. Here are a few ideas on what you should or should not do to be supportive.

- 1. Do be supportive no matter what.** You should ask your child two questions after every practice, "What did you learn? Did you have fun?" If games and practices are not fun, or your child is not learning something, then you need to find out why.
- 2. Do not impose your ambitions on your child.** Improvement and progress occur at different rates for each individual. Don't judge your child's progress based on the performance of others, and don't push based on what you think he/she should be doing.
- 3. Do say only positive things at a soccer game.** When you are at the soccer game, cheer and applaud, but never criticize. Always strive to set a good example for your child.
- 4. Do not coach your child.** Do not undermine the coach by coaching your child on the side. Your job is to support and love your child and the coach is responsible for the technical part of the job.
- 5. Do support your child's coach.** The bond between coach and player is a special one which contributes to your child's success as well as fun. Do not criticize the coach in the presence of your child. *Assure your child that the coach would not have told him/her to try something if your child was not ready for it.*
- 6. Do not criticize officials.** They are doing their best and you do not ever want to criticize those who are doing their best.
- 7. Do make sure your child has goals other than winning.** An honest effort, regardless of the outcome, is much more important than winning.

Remember that the focus of our program is on learning and fun. If as a parent you keep that in mind at all times and you continue to support your child in all that he/she does, then we will all be winners.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS

Don't forget CLSF Shop Day on Saturday March 22, 2014 from 11AM to 4PM 1816 S. Randall Rd. Algonquin IL

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