



# Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

# Korner Kick

Spring 2006 Edition

## CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1	Registration begins for 2006-07 season
April 22	Rec League Opening Day U6-U14
April 23	Boys Rec HSSL Season Opens
May 20	CLSF Coaches Appreciation Event- details tba
June 4	U6 Season Ends. Deadline for Coaches to hand in Coaching Status Info for 2006-07 Season
June 11	Rec League U7-U14 Season Ends Last Day to Register for 2006-07 Season
June 17	Rec League Tournament
July 10-14	Summer Camp - Rec
July 17-21	Summer Camp - Competitive
August 7-11	Coaches Meetings
September 9	Opening Day Fall 2006 Season
September 16	Picture Day, details tba



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Margie Johansson – President

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors as presently seated:

President- Margie Johansson  
Vice President – Jack Bragg  
Treasurer – Mark Widing  
Secretary – Tim Van Goethem  
Greg Cole – Registrar/Communications  
Bob Hansen – Director of Recreational Teams  
Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams  
Joanne Magnuson – Director of Concessions

Scott McCabe – Director of Safety  
Kevin Kinahan – Director of Education and Training  
Don Mueller – Director of Fundraising  
Dan Quinn – Director of Technology  
Susan Hailey – Director of Special Events

This Board is comprised of a very diverse group of people, all of whom are willing to devote many volunteer hours so as to provide our young athletes with quality soccer experiences no matter at which level they choose to play. I think I speak for the entire Board when I say any and all input on how we can help your child/children is welcome. No idea is too small ... or too big. We rely on your insights to keep our organization going strong.

Besides having a quite a few new faces on the Board, we also have a new look to our website. We hope you enjoy the convenience modern technology provides. There are more technological changes in store that will enhance communication ... log in often to stay informed.

We have rearranged and added a new, very necessary Board position – Director of Recreational League. Bob Hansen is a natural fit for this position as many of you can already pick him out in a crowd. Bob will be the go-to guy for all issues related to the Recreational League and its teams.

Spring is always an exciting, busy time around Soccerhouse – Gamedays, Training Sessions, Tryouts, the Rec Tournament, Coaches Appreciation Dinner. Combine, that with graduations, communions, weddings, baseball, softball – I could go on and on ... and you have a scheduling nightmare for coaches & parents alike. Please use the website to keep you informed and to let us know what we can do to meet your soccer needs.

We'll see you on the fields, very soon.

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2006 – SPRING 2007 SEASON**

Greg Cole – Registrar  
Don Mueller - Fundraising

Registration for the Fall 2006-Spring 2007 Season is now open. Register online at [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org). If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays during the spring season beginning April 22 up to and including Saturday June 10. 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 **June 11, 2006**. Players who do not register by June 11 and desire to participate will be placed on a waiting list. CLSF cannot guaranty anyone on the waiting list a roster spot for the 2006-07 Season. The registration fee schedule for the 2006-07 Season is:

U6 (kindergarten) \$120.00

U7-U14 (2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) \$140.00

U15-U19 (high school) \$100.00

**Players in the U6 to U14 age groups who register on or before midnight April 30, 2006, will save \$20 off the regular registration fee.**

At the time of registration, each family will be required to participate in one of our fundraising programs. Families will again be able to choose between two fundraising opportunities, a raffle or "Buy-A-Brick".

If you select the raffle option, each family will be charged \$40. Families will receive eight \$5.00 raffle tickets, which they may sell or keep. Tickets will be distributed to each family on Picture Day, September 16, 2006. Cash, and possibly other prizes, will be awarded. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Soccerhouse. You need not be present to win.

If you select the "Buy-a-Brick" option, you will then have to select one of three brick sizes: \$50 (4" x 8"), \$100 (8" x 8") and \$300 (12" x 12"). Your engraved brick will be installed as part of a brick paver patio in front of Soccerhouse.

## **GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Ages U16-U19)**

Ken Hopp – Girls H.S. Rec Coordinator

Registration for the Fall 2006 season of the girls rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) Begins April 1. Registration is via our website [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org). Registration ends June 11. Teams play in the Northern Illinois High School Recreational Soccer League

(NIHSRSL). The league is made up of approximately 16 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 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. Some additional costs may be incurred by players depending on tournament participation and selection of uniforms. Traditionally three tournaments are offered throughout the season.

## **COACHES NEEDED**

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams

The Crystal Lake Force is in need of coaches at the younger levels for both Boys and Girls. All interested parties should contact Eric Johansson at [force@clsf.org](mailto:force@clsf.org) for details.

## **CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS**

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams

If you are looking to take your game to a higher level and commit to the sport you love, come try out to play on a Crystal Lake Force team. The Crystal Lake Force will hold tryouts for the 2006-07 soccer season at Lippold Park on the following dates:

### **Girls U9-U14**

Thursday, June 1, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Saturday, June 3, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 11, 4:00 to 6:00 PM (for those unable to make one of the preceding 2 dates)

### **Boys U9-U14**

Sunday, June 4, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 11, 4:00 to 6:00 PM (for those unable to make one of the preceding 2 dates)

### **High School Girls U15 to U19**

Saturday, June 3, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 4, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 11, 4:00 to 6:00 PM (for those unable to make one of the preceding 2 dates)

Be sure to arrive one-half hour early for sign-in.

Players currently playing in the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation program should register for the 2006-07 season, players from outside the CLSF do not have to

register prior to being selected for a Force team, but must be registered by June 11 if selected. CLSF registered players do not need to have a parent's signature on the tryout roster. Tryout participants not registered with the CLSF must be accompanied by a parent or guardian willing to sign the Waiver of Liability. All players should come to tryouts appropriately dressed for the weather and a soccer workout. Shinguards are mandatory and everyone should have a soccer ball and water bottle with them. No one will be allowed to participate if these conditions are not met.

### REC LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Greg Cole – Administrator

The second annual CLSF Rec League Tournament will be held on Saturday June 17, 2006 at Lippold Park. The tournament is open to all CLSF Rec League players who were registered for the 2005-06 season. Details to be announced.

### SUMMER CAMP

Kevin Kinahan – Director of Education and Training

The off season is the perfect time to improve your soccer skill and conditioning. The Crystal Lake Soccer Federation training staff will conduct this skill camp at Lippold Park open to soccer players of all ages. We'll have something for all soccer enthusiasts regardless of where and at what level you play during the season. Week 1 will be geared toward the recreational league player & Week 2 will cater to the competitive league player. Players should dress for the weather and for soccer practice. Shinguards are mandatory and soccer shoes are preferable. Every player should bring a ball and water. A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. Additional forms are available at Soccerhouse.

Program Fee: \$105 (includes a t-shirt)

Ages kindergarten through high school

Mon – Fri 9am-Noon Week 1 July 10 – 14

Mon – Fri 9am-Noon Week 2 July 17 – 21

### PORTABLE SOCCER GOAL SAFETY

Scott McCabe – Director of Safety

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 coaches and 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. Our coaches are instructed to inspect goals located on practice fields outside Lippold Park prior to any practice session, and will not hold practice on a field with an unanchored goal. However, CLSF cannot guaranty that all soccer goals located on practice fields in the various parks are properly anchored. Vandals and teams from other organizations holding practices sometimes move the goals (although this is strictly against Park District and CLSF rules) without re-anchoring them. Most of the goals on the practice fields are now anchored using tamper proof anchor screws. 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.

### LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM

Scott McCabe – Director of Safety

The Crystal Lake Park District has insatlled a THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System at Lippold Park. 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

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. 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 2006-07 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 2006-07 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 3**. 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.**

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

Dan Quinn – Director of Technology

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 or 5 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). Our new website has an added feature which allows you to change your PIN making it easier for you to remember.

Your Family Page contains your current family contact and biographical information as well as contact information for your child's coach and team mates team. The Page also contains important messages and other CLSF information. Please take the time to regularly check your Family Page.

#### **CLSF PETS AND SMOKING POLICIES**

Greg Cole - Administrator

To insure the health and safety of participants and spectators, CLSF will continue its standing policies 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 (blue and gold 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.

#### **CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT ASEP TRAINING CLASS**

Greg Cole, Administrator

One of the requirements as an affiliate group of the Crystal Lake Park District, is for all of our new coaches to attend an ASEP coaches training class conducted by the Park District. Coaches need only attend once. If you have already attended a class as a CLSF coach or attended as part of another athletic program (i.e. little league, basketball, Raiders football, softball) you have fulfilled the requirement and need not attend again. This year the class will be offered twice on Wednesday, April 5, or Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Park Place, 404 W. Woodstock St. from 6:45 to 9:45 PM. Coaches who desire to attend should contact CLSF at 815/477-2573 or [info@clsf.org](mailto:info@clsf.org) to notify us of the date they plan to attend.