



NEWSLETTER January 2006

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Important Dates

Closing Day – February 12, 2006

Regular season ends on February 11, 2006. Closing day ceremonies will be held on Sunday February 12, 2006. The festivities will begin at 1:00pm. We look forward to everyone coming.

Tentative schedule of activities:

- Lunch will be served (hamburgers, hot dogs etc.)
- Activities for the kids
- All Star Scrimmages (Schedule TBA)
- State of the League report.
- 2006/2007 Board elections
- Trophy presentations. All players will receive a trophy.

BOARD ELECTIONS AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FOR 2006/2007 SEASON

1. All board positions are open for election
Open positions - VP Competitive, Registrar, Referee Assignor, Sponsorship Chairperson
2. Age group coordinators needed for U6/U8/U10/U12 and up
3. Assistant Concession Director
4. Volunteers needed for Concession Stand and Field lining and maintenance

If you are interested or need additional information about the board or volunteer positions, please email Claud Effiom at ceffiom@tampabay.rr.com

Southside Youth Soccer League

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Provides recreational and competitive soccer programs for youth in the St. Petersburg and Tampa Bay Area.

President's Message

Dear Soccer Families,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful and restful holiday season!

The recreational season is now winding down. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help make the season a success so far. A special thank you goes to the Board of Directors for doing a great job in getting the season off to a smooth start, all the coaches and especially all the players participating in practices and games.

Let me address a few issues as we close out another soccer season:

- The best way to communicate with anyone on the board is through our website. The URL is www.southsidesoccer.net. If you go to the board link you will find e-mail contacts for our board members. The League Phone number 865-BALL (2255) is currently being used as an added resource to communicate information to the membership. It is not available for use as a two way communication tool. Additionally, information is being posted on our two bulletin boards located at the fieldhouse. Should you need to communicate with a board member, and you do not have e-mail access, please drop off a written message at the concession stand and it will be forwarded to the appropriate board member.
- If the Southside Soccer League is to thrive and improve the quality of service we provide to our entire membership, two things need to happen on a regular basis:

A. Consistent, broad based parent support.

While we have succeeded in expanding membership and participation on our board we continue to struggle in translating the board's energy into increased volunteerism to the entire soccer family. As a stop gap measure the board has been forced into building a concession stand duty schedule. Each team has been assigned one two hour block of time in which volunteers from the team are expected to assist the board members in managing the concession stand.

B. Financial Stability

During the 2004 - 2005 season, we had a shortfall of \$4,000. To ensure that we do not face the same situation again this soccer season, I have attached a copy of our sponsorship form. Please assist the league in securing community support for our efforts. The monies raised are used to provide sponsorship for needy youth participating in our league, paid coaching clinics to assist our volunteer coaches in providing quality training and skill development for all our players and purchasing equipment eg new goals and nets.

• Kudos

Thank you to the league members who donated 2 refrigerators and a HP printer to the league. Donations are sincerely appreciated.

Finally, thank you for choosing to participate in our league and on behalf of the entire board of directors I wish you a happy and peaceful 2006.

Claud Effiom

Board of Directors

President:	Claud Effiom
Commissioner:	Patty Brightbill
VP Rec:	Fred Kennedy/Darryl Dodge
VP Club:	
Treasurer:	Sue D'Allessandro
Concessions:	Janet Cartolano
Field Manager:	Stuart Mellish
Secretary:	Tricia Carter
Registrar:	Eric Wannamacher
Volunteer	
Coordinators:	Marilyn Fudgel/Janet Cartolano
Ref assigner:	Cliff Andrews
Sponsorship:	
Field Assignor:	Patty Brightbill
Uniforms/Trophies:	Patty Brightbill/Jacquelyn Byrd
Communications:	Tricia Carter/Janet Cartolano
USA Commissioner:	Claud Effiom
GUSA Commissioner:	Patty Brightbill

Sponsorship Info

Thank you to Karen Hoyt, Bayside Sports Medicine, for providing us with a sponsorship in the amount of \$400 (Silver Sponsor) for the Jaguars/U8G/Coach Don McDonald.



Pictures

The League would like to thank everyone for coming out for pictures. This season went really smooth. By now everyone should have received their pictures just in time for Christmas. We would like to thank our new photographer Steve Jacobson Photography and his wife Shelly for their prompt service and quality work. If anyone would like to re-order please contact them directly at 727-692-5050 or e-mail him directly: sjphoto@tampabay.rr.com.

Tournaments

The GYSA Cup Jamboree for the U8 and U10's will be held on February 18th and 19th. The sites that are hosting will be announced sometime in January. Southside will again be on one of the hosting sites. This does not guarantee you will play on our home fields. Schedules for the tournament should be ready by the end of January early February. We will keep you posted

Three Southside Teams advance to the Round-of-16 in the GYSA Cup

We would like to take this time to congratulate all teams that participated in the GYSA Cup Tournament the weekend of January 7 and 8, 2006. We received many compliments from both coaches and parents on the format of the tournament. In recent years these games would have been played at night and it was up to the coaches to work out what night and time they could play for three weeks.

Congratulations to these three teams for winning the first round of the GYSA Cup:

U12 girls Crushers coached by Robin Brightbill & Rich D'Alessandro

U12 girls Kicks coached by Greg Accola & Jim Cecil

U14 boys Mean Machine coached by Trevor McDonald

These teams will advance to the Round-of-16. This is the first time in recent years that the U12 girls have advanced past the first round. Way to go Ladies and coaches!!!!

I would like to thank the Southside Board for all its hard work in hosting the GYSA tournament at our site. They helped make the experience for everyone a pleasant one. I would like to ESPECIALLY thank the field crew who helped line 2 fields on Sunday when the Men's league, who had first rights to the fields showed up unexpectedly. **Tournament dates:**

February 18 & 19, 2006 Round-of-16 @ Northeast

(some teams may play elsewhere)

February 25, 2006 Quarter Finals @ Northeast

March 4, 2006 Boys Semi-Finals @ Largo

Girls Semi-Finals @ Seminole

Youth (SYA)

March 5, 2006

Finals @ Largo

Patty Brightbill - Commissioner

Other Team news

U-8 Superstars coach Ernie Segundo notes that his team had a spirited performance prior to the holiday with 5 players scoring goals, including Charlie Langer, Bryan Ray, Paul Santora, and Nehemiah Sonnylal, as well as a hatrick from Sean Weidner." Congratulations to the U9 boys club team who were champions in their very first tournament they participated in. They defeated the Clearwater Chargers in the Countryside Soccer Challenge Tournament held in October in an exciting final match!

Reminder All Coaches

Make sure all you traveling coaches have got your player and coach passes laminated and available at all games. We've heard a few stories of a certain referee with a certain league being very aggressive with regard to proper credentials. Some coaches have been removed from games and at least one team was told to go home without playing the game at all, because the coach did not have his papers in order.

This is an isolated case of "referee hardball" from a competing league in our area. Most of the refs we deal with are polite, competent, and professional.

Darrell Dodge - VP Recreation

Coaches U-8 and U-10

There will be a Mandatory meeting for all:

The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on February 15, 2006 at the Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 59th Street North.

All coaches will be required to bring the following items:

- Three copies of their official GYSA roster. (I will provide them to each of you)
- Coach's passes (laminated with picture). This includes all assistant coaches.

If you still need a coaches pass, or have any questions about the GYSA tournament please feel free to contact Patty Brightbill at 727-422-7293 or by e-mail:

Patty.brightbill@sterlingpayment.com.

Field Manager Update

The Southside Complex is not it's usual grassy self this season. Unfortunately we have large areas of Fields 1, 2, and 3 that have bare patches. This is due to a couple of reasons. First, Field 3 is used by football from July through October and gets pretty torn up. This year it seemed to fair especially badly and hasn't recovered. Second in September we had a problem with the irrigation and the fields didn't get watered for a couple of weeks. By the time we noticed and got it fixed the mole crickets had moved in and did their damage. The City has treated for pests and fertilized the fields. They have also laid down some seed, but unfortunately it is very hard for the fields to recover during the soccer season. We will probably have to suffer through the rest of the season with the fields in their current form. Hopefully we will be able to get our soccer fields back in pristine shape for next year.

If anybody would like to help out with field lining or special projects Please contact me at smellish@pscufs.com.

Thanks

Stuart Mellish

Field Manager



SOUTHSIDE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Sponsorship Opportunities

GOLD SPONSOR - \$800

- ★ Company name or logo on front of game jersey (competitive teams only)

OR

Company name or logo on field banner (Large)

- ★ Company link and advertisement on team page on www.SouthsideSoccer.net
- ★ Business listing in 5 issues of Southside Soccer Club newsletter
- ★ Sponsor teams photograph and plaque

SILVER SPONSOR - \$400

- ★ Company name on the front of game jersey (recreational teams only)

OR

Company name or logo on field banner (Small)

- ★ Company advertisement on team page on www.SouthsideSoccer.net
- ★ Business listing in 5 issues of Southside Soccer Club newsletter
- ★ Sponsor teams photograph and plaque

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$200

- ★ Company listing on team page on www.SouthsideSoccer.net
- ★ Business listing in one issue of the Southside Soccer Club newsletter
- ★ Sponsor teams photograph and plaque

LEAGUE DONATION - \$_____

Logo art must be provided as a minimum of 300 DPI in a JPG or TIFF file.

Company _____

Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email Address _____

Authorized Signature _____

Sponsorship Level _____ Donated Amount _____

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