



NEWSLETTER May 2005

President's Message

This will be my last message to you as the President of Southside Youth Soccer League (SYSL). After serving in that capacity for two years, I am making way for new blood. I am staying on the Board of Directors as Fields Manager and along with a dedicated group of volunteers on the Fields Committee, we hope to make Lakewood Soccer Complex a place in which we can all be proud. Helping me in this endeavor will be Doug Powell, Amos Coley, and Mike Kepto.

I have been involved with SYSL for 12 years now. Most of them as a Board Member and all of them as a Coach and Parent. In that time I have seen the positive effect that the League has had on the Community. I often run into kids that I coached years ago, or their parents, and we always stop to chat about the fun we had back then and catch up on what's going on. In most cases, I find that their experience had a very positive effect on their lives. Not necessarily because they became great soccer players, because most of us don't, but because they became better as a person. It is well documented that kids who play youth sports are far less likely to use drugs or alcohol, smoke, or join a gang. My point here is that SYSL is an important resource for our Community and one that we should be proud of and work hard to improve. The benefits to our children go beyond dribbling and passing. Even for the parents the benefits can be great. It gives each of us a chance to volunteer for the good of the Community and we have wonderful socialization opportunities. Many of my closest friends are people I have met through soccer.

I hope that we can move forward as an organization to bigger and better things. We have a fresh infusion of new Board Members who have brought with them a wave of energy to make us better, including our new President Claud Effiom. I'm sure that this group will very successful in leading this organization next year and for years to come.

It's been a pleasure serving as your President and I look forward to serving as Fields Manager next season.

Stuart Mellish

New President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Southside Youth Soccer League family, I would like to extend warm regards and a heartfelt thank you to Stuart Mellish for his long, enthusiastic and selfless dedication to the management of the league.

Over the years, the name Stuart could often be used interchangeably with Southside soccer. When you had a question, concern or a request; the easiest, and often the best answer, most league members could offer was "Talk to Stuart". Stuart was instrumental in the early growth of the league and remained consistently active over the years. With the change in the Boards' membership we appreciate his offer to stay and share his wealth of expertise as we move forward in developing our league. Thank you, Stuart.

As a life long soccer player and fan, I am honored to have the opportunity to follow in Stuart's footsteps at SYSL. Starting with the introduction of the soccer program at the University of Tampa, twenty-five years ago; I have been keenly aware of the development and growth of soccer in the Tampa Bay area. Eleven years ago, I came to SYSL as a volunteer coach for a U-19 Boys team. I have stayed to coach at all levels, watched my three sons play at the Lakewood Complex, and assisted in various projects and programs. The skills and knowledge gained at SYSL, and those acquired at other leagues in the County and out of State, give me a unique perspective on current trends in the soccer community. I am excited by the opportunity to use these experiences to serve the best interest of every player and family at SYSL.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly Board meeting, or your entire family at the Lakewood Soccer complex. Please remember, this is your soccer league; let's all work to make it a fun and quality experience for all the youth in our community.

Claud Effiom

Team News

U-16 Boys club team

Congratulations to coach Tony Wallace and the U-16 boys for advancing in to the sweet 16 of State Cup. Also, congratulations to Bojan Mijatovic and Velislov Matzov for making the first round of ODP.

The Olympic development program (ODP) is a regional, state and national soccer tryout camp designed to identify and select soccer players for US national teams at various age levels. We had five players tryout at the U-15 and U-16 age levels.

U-16 Girls Chicas

The U-16 Chicas made Southside soccer history by winning a second consecutive GYSA Cup championship. The Chicas beat Pinellas Park 3-0 in the March 6th championship game to complete a remarkable undefeated season. The Chicas went 8-0-4 during the regular season, won all three GYSA Cup qualifying games, then battled to a hard-fought 3-0 semifinal win over Gulf Coast United and overcame a one-week postponement and the absence of two key players to prevail in the championship game.

U-12 Boys Mad Dogs

Coach Robin Brightbill's team makes it into the GYSA Cup semi-finals placing 3rd over all for a 2nd time in a row. The U-12 Mad Dogs after a grueling game and double overtime lost in the final seconds to Osceola 3-2. Osceola went on to beat Tarpons Springs. The mad dogs went undefeated all season making this their first loss. **Way to go Mad Dogs!!!**

U-8/U-10 Boys All-stars

Congratulations to all of our outstanding players nominated by our coaches to participate in the All-Star games held during closing weekend. The games were hard fought and competitive and it is obvious the future of the league is bright with these talented players around to represent Southside.

U-8: Todd Smith, Chad Cassidy, Chase huff, Cameron Ray, Benjamin Effiom, Matthew Kolb, Jacob Colonel, Justin Jacobson, Cullen Bair, Nathan Horowitz, Graham Clough, Christian Mosher, Irquan Littles, Jordan Williams, John Stubbins, Jermaine Ledbetter, Elijah Adams

U-10: Jackson Metheny, Steven Valentine, Stephon Dean, Michael Shannon, Arjun Krishnaswami, Vince Ferrara, Solomon Howard, Austin Kadau, Kareem Isidore, Exavier Jones, Zevon Wells, Zac Clark.

Referee's Corner

All 2005 certified referees will need to re-certify for 2006. This is a 5-hour class and usually commences in August. When available, class locations and dates will be posted. For referees who are not currently certified for 2005 but wish to referee in 2006 you will have to take the grade 8 class again. Southside intends to arrange a class, probably in August for those people who wish to become referees. This is an 18-hour course and is open to anyone over the age of 12. Please email Cliff Andrews at cliff.andrews@trulymail.net for more information.

Online Registration

Coming this fall, Southside will introduce online registration for all recreational teams.

More information will be posted in the next newsletter and on the website.

Do not forget to renew your city ID cards. This can be done at any of the city's recreational centers.

Detailed information can be found at <http://www.stpete.org/rec/Images/RegistrationProgramweb.pdf>

**ST. PETE STRIKERS SOCCER CLUB
2005-2006 COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS
June 11th - June 18th**

**Calling All
Old Timers**

Coach Robin Brightbill is trying to put together an over 40 FSSL soccer team. Games are played on Wednesday night through out the Tampa Bay Area. Season begins August 2005. Your home field would be Southside's fields. If interested please contact Robin via email Rbrightbill501@yahoo.com or call him directly at 727-580-2143 for further details and tryouts.

BOYS U-9 THRU U-12 and GIRLS U-9 THRU U-14

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| June 11 Saturday | 1:00PM - 2:30PM |
| June 12 Sunday | 4:00PM - 5:30PM |
| June 15 Wednesday | 6:30PM - 8:00PM |
| June 18 Saturday | 9:00AM - 10:30AM |

BOYS U-13 THRU U-18 and GIRLS U-15 THRU U-18

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| June 11 Saturday | 9:00AM - 10:30AM |
| June 12 Sunday | 1:00PM - 2:30PM |
| June 14 Tuesday | 6:30PM - 8:00PM |
| June 18 Saturday | 1:00PM - 2:30PM |

Please check in 30 minutes prior to tryout times listed.

**Calling all
Coaches**

If you are interested in coaching a recreational team for the upcoming season, please contact Darrell Dodge at ddodge1@tampabay.rr.com to include your name in our list of coaches.

**CHALLENGER CAMP
Lakewood Sports Complex
June 27 - July 1**

Includes Free Ball & Shirt*

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| Ages 4-5 | 6:00 - 8:00pm | \$85 | Mini Soccer 2hr |
| Ages 6-18 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$100 | Half day |

- *Free Jersey Deadline 5/13
- \$10 late fee if payment received after 6/17
- Checks to S.Y.S.L
- Mail to: Janet Cartolano
4908 38th Way South, #306 G,
St. Petersburg Florida, 33711
Or E-mail her at jacar149@msn.com



Sponsorship Information



Southside Youth Soccer League welcomes sponsorship opportunities. For details, please contact Monica Smit-Brunello at brunelar@eckerd.edu

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June 11 - June 18

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Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church at 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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