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Brunswick Youth Soccer League



From the President

While it hardly seems time for soccer season - as it feels like summer just started - soccer is just around the corner. I officially accepted the torch from Will Bennett at the end of the 2008 season. I just wanted to personally thank him for his years of service and commitment to BYSL. The board honored him and outgoing secretary Peg Nulle at the wrap up meeting last year. **Thanks again Will!**

We also welcome a few new members to the board: Wendy Cobb, Larry Chasse, Susan Hartnett, Michael Greene, & Matt LaForge. We are always looking for people interested in being part of BYSL, so please contact any member of BYSL if you wish to become a part of the team!

The season begins on 9/12 after the placement clinic on 8/29.

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Soccer Tip

Making the Goal

- Kick the ball with top part of your foot (On the laces)
- For better control, kick the ball with your knee over the top of the ball.
- Follow through
- Practice with a goalie and watch how they defend.
- Watch a game and see how different players do things.

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Soccer Ball Give Away

Lee's Tire & Service at Cook's Corner and Uniroyal Tire have teamed up with BYSL once again to offer free soccer balls to BYSL players. Players will receive vouchers for the soccer ball from their coaches. Players redeem these vouchers (no purchase necessary) at Lee's Tire & Service. As part of this program, any purchase made mentioning BYSL puts money back into the BYSL program!

Clinics Offered!

In partnership with Fran O'Leary, BYSL will have a Coach's clinic on Saturday 8/29 at 1pm (A/B/1) & 2pm (2/3/4) on the Bowdoin College fields. All coaches are encouraged to attend.



BYSL \$\$ at Work! Spring Soccer: Thanks

Recently BYSL purchased new goals for several fields that were in need of adequate or updated equipment. We know the players will put them to good use!

for another successful spring season! Already looking forward to next spring! Any BHS student wishing to serve as student rep for Spring, please contact Sheri Nadell

Sponsorship

We are fortunate to have many generous sponsors who support the league. Without their commitment and financial support, it would be impossible to provide the program that we currently are able to put forth today.

We generally have forty to fifty sponsors each year, and BYSL wishes to personally thank them. Please feel free to thank them as you frequent their business establishments throughout the year.

Coaches Tool Box

These resources and others are available at the Curtis Memorial Library

Soccer Skills for Beginner Coaches and Players - VHS

Coaching 6 to 10 year olds - VHS

All The Right Moves - DVD

Coaching the Youth Team - DVD

Coaching 6 to 10 year olds - DVD

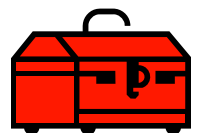
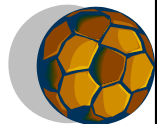
Coaching 9 to 14 year olds - DVD

Soccer Drills for 11-14 year olds - DVD

Youth Soccer Drills - Book

101 Youth Soccer Drills / Ages 7 to 14 - Book

101 Youth Soccer Drills / Ages 12 to 16 - Book



BYSL players and their families are invited to a BHS soccer game at BHS this season, as part of BYSL Appreciation Night. This year we will attend a BHS boy's game 10/20 (Cony). At halftime, the BYSL teams will parade across the field. There is no charge to players and families, so come and enjoy the game!

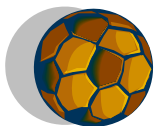


New This Year....

Placement Clinics

In an effort to make the teams more equitable and keep the level of play up, we will be holding placement clinics for each of our divisions this year. Kids change from the end of the prior season until we see them again at the start of this year, so we felt it necessary to try a different approach than we have in years past.

We appreciate your support as we make every effort to improve BYSL each and every year.



BYSL Making a Difference

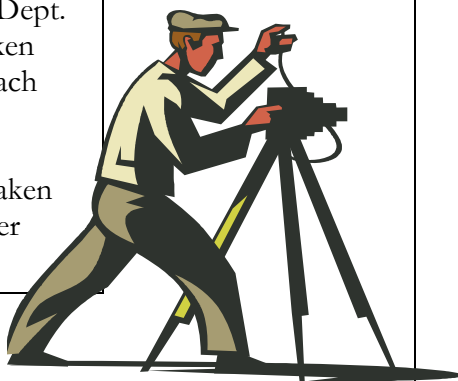
BYSL will be donating some of its used equipment to ASAPROSAR.

This is a non-profit group that provides support to El Salvador. This group was brought to our attention by Sheri Nadell (Spring League Coordinator). We will be sending used balls, bags, and jerseys to Boston where it will be sent in a large container with other items that other organizations have donated.



Picture Corner

Please note that all team pictures will be taken on Saturday, September 19th in the gymnasium at the Brunswick Recreation Dept. The pictures will be taken rain or shine. Your coach will be handing out a schedule of when your team's picture will be taken as well as a picture order form.



President *continued...*

Division A will be the only ones to receive water bottles again this year. BYSL will see some challenges going forward as we say good-bye to many families departing BNAS. We certainly wish them well. With that said, we will already have changes of our own, with the old BHS being taken down. This will cause changes to our fields and night game use. Believe it or not folks, we are just a few short weeks away from kicking off our Fall 2009 season. See you on the fields!

Coaches Don't Forget....

To hold a team meeting at or before your first practice. A team meeting will allow the players, parents and coaches to clearly understand the expectations of the team and league. It is a good time to exchange contact information, assign a team parent or enlist help from other parents as well as an opportunity for parents to meet and introduce themselves. It is also a good idea to have a one page letter to hand out that puts into writing what you cover in the meeting so that parents who are unable to attend will be able to have all the necessary information for a successful season.