

Montclair Soccer Pitch

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Message From the President

Welcome to the month of October. Our season has gotten off to a great start and we're looking forward to several more weeks of great weather and terrific games.

Photo Day is this Saturday, October 6th. By the time you read this message, the Photo Day schedule should be published on our website. Producing the schedule took longer than we expected this year because some of the revised game schedules that the photographers use to establish the timing of photo sessions were not published until late last week. The photographers will produce a schedule with the available information and adjust photo times when conflicts are discovered.

We will soon be replacing our storage shed at Shepherd Canyon. The roof of the current one is rusting away and leaks. We will need a few volunteers to help with transferring its contents to the new shed. Our current plan is this: first, we will have volunteers unload the current shed into their vehicles and temporarily store the items while we have the old shed hauled away. The next day or thereabouts, we will have the new shed delivered. Volunteers return and we will move the equipment into the new shed. We will need someone to help coordinate the process. If you are

interested in helping out, please contact Nancy Lane, our volunteer coordinator at volunteers@montclairsoccer.org. The shed coordinator would need to be present when the shed is unloaded and keep track of what goes home with whom.

The process for getting access to Oakland Unified School District facilities changed this year and we now have permits for using the soccer fields at Montera Middle School. Our thanks to Meredith Brown-Bryant for working through the process for us! In addition to having official access to Montera, we recently obtained permits for using King Estates. These fields are off the Keller Avenue exit from 580. I'm happy to report that these fields are in very good condition. Our practice scheduler, Tony Plotkin, will be contacting coaches to see who would like to move their practices or hold an extra one at this new location. We will also be looking for volunteers to help move goals to King Estates. Please contact Andy Kleiber <fields@montclairsoccer.org> if you have a truck!

We have several additional upcoming volunteer opportunities. For a summary, please see page 4.

Peter Costantinidis
president@montclairsoccer.org



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct. 6	Photo Day
Oct. 8	Monthly Meeting
Nov. 4	Season ends for U6
Nov. 11	Season ends for U8 and above
Nov. 12	MSC Monthly Meeting
Nov. 17-18	JLYSSL End of season tournament for U10-U14

October 6 is Photo Day

By the time this newsletter is out, we hope to have the Photo Day schedule posted on the website. If there are any problems with your slot, contact Nicole at (800) 311-7784 ext. 2 or e-mail schedule@shootingstarsphoto.com. Note that November 3 will be make-up day for the teams who cannot make it October 6. Please let Nicole know if you will not make your slot on October 6.

If your team does not have its envelopes yet, please pick them up by October 5 from Peter Constantinidis's front porch at 11 Ascot Place, Oakland. Everyone needs to be at Montera Middle School 15 minutes before their scheduled time, with your envelopes already completed and checks in hand. Use the entrance off Scout Road to get to the parking lot. Pictures will be taken on the grass field at the back of the school and should take about 30 minutes. Please be on time so that there is no delay for the teams following you.

We still need lots of volunteers to help on Saturday. Jobs include Parking Lot Attendants, Crowd Controllers, and Forms Assistants. This is the perfect opportunity to contribute your required volunteer hours. Please contact Elaine Fellenbaum at 547-6373 or photohelp@montclairsoccer.org to set up your 2 to 3 hour shift as soon as possible.

Montclair Soccer Club t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats will be on sale at Photo Day. Cash and checks only. We are still looking for volunteers to sell merchandise and be cashiers. To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Nancy Walker at nanwalker@sbcglobal.net.

Jackie Leung

Photo Day Organizer

Equipment Donation Drop Off on Photo Day

On Photo Day (October 6), our equipment coordinator Kathleen and other volunteers will be at Montera Middle School to collect donations of used soccer equipment and returns. Please bring in any soccer equipment that you don't need that can in any way be reused. These discontinued and old jerseys, etc., in the past have gone to Ghana, Cuba, Mexico, as well as Oakland teams that we have sponsored. What's taking up space in your closets and garages can be an opportunity and a delight to someone in the world.

Final PCA Training Offered

JLYSL is offering one final PCA training course on Thursday, October 18 from 7 to 9 pm. Anyone who still needs to attend should contact Michael Ornstil, ornstil@earthlink.net

This is our last workshop for fall 2007. If you are a coach and have not yet attended a PCA workshop, you must attend. All new coaches and new parents must attend a PCA workshop (attendance at past PCA workshop counts) to participate in our League.

Photo Day Apparel Sale

At Photo Day on Oct. 6th, the following Montclair Soccer-branded items will be for sale for cash or check:

Short sleeve t-shirt	\$10
Long-sleeved t-shirt	\$15
Polo shirts	\$25
Fleece vest (youth)	\$26
Fleece vest (adult)	\$30
Fleece jacket (youth & adult)	\$35
Hooded sweatshirt	\$27
Baseball cap (adjustable)	\$15

This is the last opportunity to purchase merchandise until registration next Spring.



The newest members of Montclair Soccer, U6 players get their first taste of working together as a team

U10 Girls' Clippers Season Off to Great Start

The 13-girl team, coached by Kimberly Guillen, Dan Jerabek, and Keith Holloway, has been having a fabulous and fun soccer experience. After a tentative start, the team has been playing well in jamborees against teams outside the league such as Livermore Elites, San Ramon Shock and Mustang Attitude as well as within the league in Fall Season play. Playing in the U10 Gold division of D4 CYSL they are currently 3-1-0. Best of all the girls have been enjoying and learning wonderful new skills from the enthusiastic coaching of Coach Guillen, the assistant coaches, and the 24/7 trainers.

Thank you to Eva SooHoo for providing some wonderful pictures. The editor had a hard time choosing just one!



JLYSL End-of-Season Tournament

This year's JLYSSL tournament will be held the weekend of November 17-18, just before Thanksgiving. This tournament is for U10, U12, and U14 Class 4 teams. There is no fee for playing in this tournament.

To be eligible to play in the tournament, teams must meet the following requirements:

- Satisfied volunteer requirement: 16 hours (can include volunteer time at the tournament itself)
- Satisfied referee requirement: team referee has done at least 6 games before the tournament
- Have a team representative/volunteer attend the short tournament information session held at the beginning of our club's October 8 monthly meeting

The tournament information session should last about half an hour and will begin at 7:30pm on

Monday, October 8th. This meeting is held at Bishop O'Dowd High School in the Dominican Hall Board Room. This a good time to ask questions about the tournament.

We will need volunteers to help with the tournament, each team will be required to provide a tournament volunteer. At the meeting, Kevin Gavin <tournament@montclairsoccer.org>, our tournament coordinator, will explain what these volunteers do. In addition, attending this meeting will count towards your team's volunteer hours, as will volunteering at the tournament itself.

Note that Oakland public schools are closed the entire week of Thanksgiving. Please check that you will have enough players before committing to play.

U16 Boys Clippers Win Pizza Invitational II Tournament

The MSC U16 Boys Clippers defeated rival teams at the Alameda tournament on Sept. 29 and 30. Four U16B Class 3 Teams participated: MSC Clippers, OSC Rattlesnakes, GVSC Vipers, and ASC Panthers. The Pizza Invitational is a local, informal tournament in its second year, organized by Don Levine, MSC.

The Clippers faced off against the Vipers on Sunday morning for the Championship Game. The Prize: Pizza for All!

The game was extremely close; both sides had their opportunities. Both defenses were excellent in shutting down their opponent's attacks. Both goalies made timely saves. After 80 minutes the score was 0-0. The game went to Golden Goal Overtime. Six minutes into overtime, Galen Maxwell-Fierro beat the goalie with a hard shot to post. Clippers win 1-0!

Clippers fans, parents, players, and coaches enjoyed the "Victory Pizza" in the mid-day sun in Alameda. Clippers salute their opponents, the Vipers; valiant & proud opponents.

Don Levine- Coach

U16B MSC Clippers

MSC Volunteers, You're Terrific!

A big *thank you* to the 60 plus volunteers who have leaped up to log their volunteer work on the self-service survey we created. As of mid-September, MSC volunteers have worked over 570 hours for the club, and 11 teams (U10 and older) are eligible to play in the end of season tournament, based on completing their volunteer requirement.

A sample of the events that folks have worked: Registration Day (82 hrs), Referee Clinic (10 hrs), New Parents' Night (55 hrs). Coordinators have put in plenty of time, too - generally between 10 and 20 hours for a coordinator role.

For those of you who have not yet logged your hard work - especially those who worked Registration in May - please visit the MSC Volunteers page, click on the first link, and get those hours in for your team!

For those teams needing more opportunities to earn their hours: we need you on Photo Day, Oct. 6th! I'm still trying to get someone to do the coordination pieces, but at a minimum I will send around a sPortability email with instructions on signing up for a work shift to sell merchandise, help parents fill out their forms, guide teams through their photo shoots, direct traffic, etc. Watch your email!

And again, thank you for supporting youth soccer.

Nancy Lane

MSC Volunteers

Help Wanted: Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities to help Montclair Soccer Club abound over the next few weeks. We need your help with the following tasks:

- For Photo day: Parking Directors, Crowd Controllers, Forms Assistants, Table Owners / Transporters, Merchandise Transporters, Sales people, Sales Cashier
- Help moving into the new equipment shed
- Moving goals to King Estates
- JLYSSL End-of-Season tournament on November 17-18

New Procedure for Tracking Volunteer Hours

Volunteers run our club, and our Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Lane, is ready to have you enter your own hours into a survey tool. This will replace the back-and-forth emails to get your hours recognized for the right child's team.

To enter your hours, please click on the link below. It will take you to a Survey Monkey survey that will collect the information.

<http://www.montclairsoccer.org/Volunteers/hours.html>

Periodically, the data will be collected and published on the MSC website. That's where you can check to see if your team has made it to the 16 hour mark, the requirement for Under 10's and older to be able to play in our end-of-season tournament.

The Volunteers web page will be updated to reflect the change, too. The details of our volunteer policy can be found there - including what activities you can undertake to fulfill your child's team requirement. Check in there if you need more information!

Volunteer Requirement Changes Planned

Our soccer Club is growing, and our program for volunteering needs changes. We want to do a better job of matching volunteers to positions in a world of email and the Web. And, we want to spread volunteering more evenly across teams. Look for an update in the late fall about changes to our volunteer program. In the meantime, if you have ideas you'd like to contribute please email vp@montclairsoccer.org.

Volunteers Keep Us Going

Volunteerism is a key element of the Montclair Soccer Club philosophy. Your volunteerism is a positive example for children and it can show your commitment to them. The club is an all-volunteer organization that elects its officers and selects volunteers to coordinate all areas of responsibility. Volunteers are always needed to fill these positions plus crucial coaching and referee jobs. Without your volunteer efforts, the club will not function and your children will not be able to play.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The *Montclair Soccer Pitch* is a once-a-month newsletter for members of the Montclair Soccer Club community. This newsletter is our primary communication mechanism for information and announcements. However, we will continue to use email to disseminate time-critical information.

The newsletter will include such content as open volunteer positions, recruiting coaches or players, upcoming events, referee news and information, tournament results, and general interest local soccer news.

Submit news items and announcements by the 24th of each month to newsletter@montclairsoccer.org. Items should be as complete as possible and include appropriate contact information. Most articles should be limited to a couple of paragraphs.

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About Our Organization...

We generally meet on the second Monday of each month. Meeting changes are always reflected in our online calendar.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. They are a good opportunity to find ways to help make a difference within our Club.

Our meetings take place at Bishop O'Dowd in the Dominican Hall Board Room. Bishop O'Dowd is at 9500 Stearns Ave (I580 to Golf Links Rd exit; continue on 98th Ave up the hill to Stearns Ave; right to campus entrance). The Dominican Hall Board Room is the first building inside the gate on the left just past the chapel.

There will signs directing you to the meeting room on the first floor. Park anywhere.

