

Montclair Soccer Pitch

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Message from the President

Many heartfelt thanks to the parents and friends that support our club with their weekends, evenings, and afternoons, coaching children and performing administrative duties as part of your dedication to building character, teamwork and athleticism in our children. We have completed another successful spring soccer season due to your efforts. Now we can relax a bit as we unwind for the warmer months.

However, don't forget that you are the very bedrock of the community and we need your presence to continue the benefit that you have brought to the Montclair Soccer Club Community through your generosity of time and spirit. The Montclair Soccer Club has implemented a new volunteer policy that recognizes the valuable contribution that you bring to the club. Volunteer hours will be rewarded with prime spots for team practices and club participation this year. A copy of the MSC Volunteer Policy has been reprinted in this newsletter along with the volunteer positions that need to be filled.

Please take a moment to go through this newsletter with your calendar to

record important dates coming up for our exciting fall season ahead. Also, please take a look at the volunteer positions available now. A particularly time sensitive volunteer role to be filled is that of Coach Evaluation Coordinator so that we can receive parent feedback on our coaching program.

The sound of summer is upon us. The soccer fields are quiet and our children's muddy sneakers lay about the porch, traded for sandals in the wake of warmer days. Our soccer volunteers are busily placing orders for balls, cones, pennies, and uniforms for next fall. As always, we need your leadership to carry on. This issue of the Montclair Soccer Club newsletter includes important information on coaching license courses, referee courses, and fall orientation, among other things. Please take a moment to review the information provided.

We look forward to working with you to support our local youth.

Warm regards,

Meredith Brown

President, Montclair Soccer Club

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 14	Earthquakes vs. LA Galaxy at McAfee Coliseum
June 14	WPSL California Storm vs. Sonoma at Santa Rosa HS
Aug. 3	Earthquakes vs. LA Galaxy at McAfee Coliseum
Aug 17	U6 & U8 Coaches Day (mandatory for all U6 & U8 coaches)
Aug 20	U10+ Coaches Meeting (mandatory for all coaches for U10 & above teams)
Aug 27	New Parents Night #1 (new parents are required to attend one NPN)
Aug 30-31	Labor Day weekend
Aug 31	U6 Dress Rehearsal for U6 coaches
Sep 4	New Parents Night #2 (new parents are required to attend one NPN)
Sep 6	Fall season games begin



Online Registration Donations Increase 20%

This was the second year that our online registration included an option for donations. We collected over \$3,200 this year, a 20% increase from last year. Below is a breakdown for donations.

Donation Amount	Number of Donations	Total	Description
\$10	61	\$610	Buy a Ball For the Club
\$40	2	\$80	Buy a Set of Corner Flags
\$30	3	\$90	Buy A Uniform as a donation
\$50	4	\$200	Buy Goal Nets
\$100	2	\$200	Equip a Team (\$100)
\$35	35	\$1,225	Help fund an outreach player
\$20	12	\$240	Outfit a Goalkeeper
\$150	4	\$600	Sponsor a Player
		\$3,245	

In the Neighborhood

The U11 Girls Clippers-Red team is having a 17-family garage sale to raise money for tournaments this fall. Where: 206 Moraga Ave, 94611. When: 8:00am to noon, Saturday, June 14

Women's Soccer

This past weekend some of Montclair's players (pictured) went to see Brandi Chastain, Sissi and our very own local Kim Yorkers (Cal All-American who now works at Sutton Soccer – www.sutton.com) play with their team – the prestigious California Storm - at Kezar stadium. Since the fold of the WUSA, the Womens Premier Soccer League has become huge. The WPSL (www.wpsl.com) offers a chance to see some of the most elite womens soccer players in the world. Fans in the stands at this past weekend's Storm game saw a shot attempted from a scissor kick

and a game deciding goal scored off a dramatic header from a corner kick. To catch a game, you may have to trek; the Storm's home field is in Sacramento (www.wpsl.info/storm). But tickets are unbelievably inexpensive and the vibe is great.



Brandi Chastain and some of our Montclair players

Bay Oaks Fundraiser

Earthquakes vs Galaxy - Oakland McAfee Coliseum - August 3rd!

It is time to rock the house. The McAfee house that is, right in our own JLYSSL backyard. The LA Galaxy are coming to town to play our San Jose Earthquakes on Sunday August 3rd at 12:00 PM.

Bay Oaks is coordinating ticket sales for JLYSSL so that we can have a terrific day at the game and root on our favorite players. Come see Beckham, Donovan, and all the rest of the stars as they battle it out right here in Oakland.

The Quakes have allotted us a big section of the stadium, but why don't we see if we can fill it up with players, families, and friends from JLYSSL soccer clubs and make them find us more room in the stadium for our league. Let's show the Bay Area where youth soccer lives. Right here in Jack London.

Tickets are \$30.(same as at the gate) All service and handling fees are included. You can pay by PayPal (secure credit card) or you can mail in your order for tickets.

Game day we will gather for a pre-game tailgate party for all of Jack London Soccer.

Tickets can be bought at: <http://www.bayoaks.net/quakes/>

A portion of these ticket sales will go towards the Bay Oaks scholarship program.

Important Events for U6 & U8 Families for Fall 2008

Hello Families of Under 6 and Under 8 Players,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 soccer pre-season in the Montclair Soccer Club. Our U6 and U8 program involves about one-fourth of our Club membership. These youngest age groups are important to our Club.

Every year our Club expends considerable effort organizing parent, coach and referee training for U6 and U8 families. Most players at this age level are new to playing organized soccer, and our Club recognizes that additional training and support are needed for these youngest age groups.

When does the season start?

U6s play games on Sundays. First game: 09/07/2008.
Last game: 11/09/2008.

U8s play games on Saturdays. First game: 09/06/2007.
Last game: 11/08/2007.

When will I know who my child's coach is and what team s/he is on? The U6 and U8 Age Coordinators are working hard to get teams formed up. Coaches should be in contact with team families in August.

I'd like to help out as an assistant coach or game monitor (parent referee). Are there any meetings I should attend? Yes. Coaches Day will be held on Sunday, August 17 at Bishop O'Dowd High School. We'll send out an email with more information in late July.

U10+ Referee Requirement

In Fall 2007 the League instituted a new team referee requirement. We have a number of referee clinics this summer to help teams meet the referee requirement. All teams U10 – U19 must have at least one licensed referee affiliated with their team (two are strongly recommended) and meet the following requirements. Note: most of our teams are Class IV (recreational). To view the league-wide referee requirement, see www.jlysl.org/refPages/referee.asp.

Class IV

- One adult referee to officiate 6 games as Center Referee
- 3 of the 6 games can be substituted by being Asst Referee in U15 or above games
- The duty can be split by at most 2 adult referees

Class III

- 2 adults (or 1 adult, 1 youth) officiate 12 games as Center Referee
- 3 of the 12 games can be substituted by being Asst Referee in U15 or above games
- The duty can be split by at most 4 referees (at least 6 games to be officiated by adult)

Important: Fulfillment of the referee requirement is now linked to practice field assignment. The Volunteer Coordinator for each team must identify the volunteer jobs each family on their team is fulfilling before a practice field will be assigned for a team. Each team must have at least one referee for their team (two are strongly recommended). After the 3rd game of the Fall season, a list of games refereed by team will be distributed club-wide. Teams not making progress in their referee requirement will be put on notice that their practice field assignment is in jeopardy.

If you are interested in refereeing, see page 4 for listings of summer referee clinics.

Every team needs two Game Monitors (in addition to the Coach) – Every family should expect to referee at the U6 and U8 age level. Every U6 and U8 game needs a volunteer parent to be a referee (a.k.a. game monitor) at every game. Please volunteer to referee, and let your team coach know. If you want to be a Game Monitor, come to Coaches Day on August 17.

Training for U8 referees will be held on Friday, September 5 (evening before the first games of the season – typically held at Shepherd Canyon 6-7pm).

If we can secure the field space, we will have a U6 "Dress Rehearsal" for U6 coaches and game monitors on Sunday, August 31.

Are there any meetings that I as a parent need to attend? Yes. MSC hosts two New Parents Nights. Attendance at a New Parents Night is required by one parent from every family of new U6 and new U8 players. At this orientation parents learn about MSC and the U6 soccer program, participate in a Positive Coaching (PCA) workshop, and meet other parents. This year our New Parents Nights are:

Wednesday, August 27, 2007 - U6+U8 New Parents Night – pre-season session – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Thursday, September 4, 2008 - U6+U8 New Parents Night – regular session – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

More information about U6 and U8 events will be distributed in late July. In the meantime, please note these dates.

Local Summer 2008 Referee Clinics

Grade 8 referee class - Tue & Thu, 2 classes per week, 3 hours per class, 18 hours total (July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24) - location TBA. Contact - Chip Goodman bayoaksrefs@jlysl.org

Grade 8 referee class - Mon & Wed, 2 classes per week, 3 hours per class, 18 hours total (July 21, 23, 28, 30, Aug 4, 6) - held in Bishop O'Dowd HS cafeteria. Contact - Dan Sommer mscrefs@jlysl.org

Grade 8 referee class – sometime in August - 2 classes per week, 3 hours per class, 18 hours total - dates and location TBD in Alameda , 7-10pm - contact: Mark Villa - ascrefs@jlysl.org

Grade 8 referee class in Spanish - August 23-24 or Aug 16-17 or Aug 9-10 (dates to be determined) - Sat & Sun, 2 classes, 9 hours per class, 18 hours total - location TBD in Oakland - contact Luis Barranco - luis_barranco@hotmail.com

Grade 9 referee class – one Sunday TBD in September - 1 full day - 9 hours - contact David Kaplan, rscrefs@jlysl.org

Check www.jlysl.org/refpages/clinic.asp for updates about local referee clinics.

Coaching Classes & Events

For U10 – U19 Class IV teams (a.k.a. recreational, rec, house), all head coaches are required to have an F license, and assistant coaches are encouraged to have an F license. All head coaches of Class III (Clippers) teams are required to have an E license, and all assistant coaches must have an F license. Class III assistant coaches should obtain an E license in their second year. Here are some important dates and courses for coaches. For a full list of CYSA courses (example: F license), see www.cysanorth.org/Coaching/coaching_courses.htm. Check our Calendar at www.montclairsoccer.org for updates to Montclair specific events (example: MSC U6 & U8 Coaches Day).

Clinic / Event	Date(s)	Hosted By / Contact Info
E license clinic - 3 days	Friday, June 06, 2008 to Sunday, June 08, 2008	RSC - Contact Tom Hornig, (510) 382-9005, tomhornig@comcast.net
F license clinic - 2 days	Friday, June 13, 2008 to Saturday, June 14, 2008	RSC - Contact Tom Hornig, (510) 382-9005, tomhornig@comcast.net
F license clinic - 2 days	Thursday, July 24, 2008 and Sunday, July 27, 2008	MSC - Contact Steve Shub, 510-339-3614, sgs@crafts.net
E license clinic - 3 days	Friday, July 25, 2008 to Sunday, July 27, 2008	MSC - Contact Steve Shub, 510-339-3614, sgs@crafts.net
MSC U6 & U8 Coaches Day (8:30-2pm)	Sunday, August 17, 2008	MSC
MSC U10 & Above Coaches Meeting (6:30-9pm)	Wednesday, August 20, 2008	MSC - Contact John Dowdakin, coaching@montclairsoccer.org
F license clinic - 2 days	mid July - date TBD	ASC - Contact Michael Lee, 510-601-8463, michael.lee@csueastbay.edu
E license clinic - 3 days	mid July - date TBD	ASC - Contact Michael Lee, 510-601-8463, michael.lee@csueastbay.edu
F license clinic - 2 days	Friday, August 22, 2008 to Saturday, August 23, 2008	ASC - Contact Michael Lee, 510-601-8463, michael.lee@csueastbay.edu
E license clinic in Spanish - 3 days	Friday, August 29, 2008 to Sunday, August 31, 2008	OSC - Contact Luis Barranco luis_barranco@hotmail.com
MSC U6 Dress Rehearsal for U6 Coaches	Tentative: Sunday, August 31, 2008	MSC
Fall Season Begins	Saturday, September 06, 2008	

New Volunteer Policy to Take Effect Fall 2008

We conducted registration about a month earlier this year in response to new timetables from our District. Teams were formed one month earlier, in June, instead of July. Making this happen took lots of work by our Registrar, Age Coordinators and volunteers at registration. We appreciate your help in making this work.

MSC's new volunteer policy takes effect for Fall 2008 & Spring 2009. We have been working very hard to structure our organization so volunteer commitments are manageable. We recognize and respect that people have very limited free time. The Montclair Soccer Club expects the team manager, team volunteer coordinator or, in their absence, the head coach to provide an accurate list of volunteers to the Club Volunteer Coordinator prior to the first game of the season. Practice fields are assigned to teams only after the list of team volunteers has been submitted.

What jobs counts towards Club-level volunteer hours? Coach, referee, team manager, team volunteer coordinator, PCA coordinator, Board level positions, age coordinators, and other jobs listed on our Directory (www.montclairsoccer.pbwiki.com/Directory).

What does not count towards Club-level volunteer hours? Organizing snacks, bringing snacks, organizing your team's photo shoot on Picture Day, individual team fundraising, organizing team trophies, and other tasks directly for your child's team besides coach, assistant coach, team manager, team volunteer coordinator, referee, PCA coordinator. For more about the Volunteer Policy, view a full copy of MSC's new Volunteer Policy at www.montclairsoccer.org/Volunteers/VolunteerPolicyv1.pdf.

See Help Wanted on page 6 or visit www.montclairsoccer.pbwiki.org/Volunteers for information about open volunteer positions.

Old Policy (before 2008)	New Policy (begins Fall 2008)
16 hours of Club-level volunteer time <i>per team</i>	6-8 hours of Club-level volunteer time <i>per family</i>
Teams were assigned practice field slots based upon when they submitted their request and field availability	A team will be assigned a practice slot ONLY after its Team Volunteer Coordinator has submitted a complete list with volunteer jobs identified for each team family
No volunteer buy-out existed	Families may buy-out their volunteer requirement by paying \$100 when they register
Coaches and team managers often fulfilled their team's volunteer requirement	Head coaches, active assistant coaches, team managers, referees, team volunteer coordinators, Board members and Club Officers are exempt from fulfilling additional volunteer roles
Volunteer fulfillment was summarized toward the end of the season	After the 3 rd game of the Fall season, a list of volunteer hours fulfilled per family will be distributed Club-wide and families who have not yet fulfilled their volunteer hours will be put on notice
Referee game fulfillment was summarized toward the end of the season	After the 3 rd game of the Fall season, a list of games refereed by team will be distributed Club-wide. Teams who are not making progress in their referee requirement will be put on notice that their practice field assignment is in jeopardy
Families were assigned to teams regardless of their volunteer time fulfillment	Families that do not volunteer will receive direct follow-up from the Club via email and are required to pay the \$100 volunteer buy-out. Families who fail to fulfill their volunteer hours and also fail to remit the \$100 volunteer buy-out will be automatically wait-listed for team placement in the subsequent season

Help Wanted

Snap one up to fulfill your volunteer requirement!

Field Volunteers: If you fill one of these positions, your team will not need to do field set up duties to secure a practice slot. To volunteer, contact the Fields Coordinator at fields@montclairsoccer.org.

- Field Set Up Trainer
- Field Set Up Scheduler
- Merritt Liaison
- Shepherd Canyon Field Steward
- OUSD Liaison

Other Volunteer Opportunities: please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@montclairsoccer.org.

- Equipment Coordinator
- Fundraising/T-Shirt Sales - Procurement
- Fundraising/T-Shirt Sales - Controller
- Publicity Coordinator
- Web Site Coordinator
- U12 Equipment Manager
- Positive Coaching (PCA) Committee Member
- U8 & U6 Guides
- U8 Wiki Pages Editor

- U8 and U6 Coaches Day Organizer
- Coaches Day Refreshments Manager
- New Parents Night Organizer (2)
- New Parents Night Aide (8)
- New Parents Night Refreshments Manager (2)
- U8 and U6 Coaches Bags Coordinator
- U8 and U6 Coaches Bags Helpers (6)
- Uniform Return on Picture Day
- Uniform Return Helper (3)
- Field Steward for Shepherd Canyon

Got a Clippers player? There are LOTS of Clipper opportunities. Email Doug, the Clippers Coordinator, or see the Clippers wiki page at

<http://montclairsoccer.pbwiki.org/Volunteers+-+Clipper+Positions>

For a more about U6 and U8 volunteer opportunities, see the wiki pages at:

U8 - <http://montclairsoccer.pbwiki.com/Volunteers%20-%20U8%20Positions>

U6 - <http://montclairsoccer.pbwiki.com/Volunteers%20-%20U6%20Positions>

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.

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.

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