

Montclair Soccer Pitch

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Message from the President

Hello fellow volunteers, parents, and Montclair Soccer Families;

How lucky we are to live in such a sunny mild climate where spring soccer means playing outdoors in great weather as the days grow warmer. It is time to turn our thoughts towards Spring Soccer, as well as tryouts for our Class III Montclair Clippers Teams and our Jack London Youth Sports Soccer League Class I Bay Oaks Soccer Club tryouts. The tryout schedule is arranged according to age and gender and is included in this newsletter (page 4) and on the JLYSSL website.

The Montclair Clippers Class III program provides a supportive and kid-oriented competitive soccer experience for those young athletes that are eager to improve their soccer skills with increased training and practice opportunities. Montclair Soccer has engaged the services of the 24-7 UK Soccer Academy to provide technical training and conditioning for our Clippers teams. The Clippers also provide trained and licensed volunteer parent coaches that are dedicated to youth sports. The time commitment requires two practices per week and games within Alameda and Contra Costa County. Some teams may travel throughout Northern California for tournaments. The Class III teams train four to seven months and play in the Fall season with optional play in the Spring and winter months.

The Bay Oaks Class I Soccer Club offers the most competitive soccer experience for young

athletes in the JLYSSL. The coaching staff for Bay Oaks is comprised of highly qualified and experienced men and women supported by Club Coaching Directors. Class I teams play in the Fall and Spring season with eight to ten months of training. Class I teams participate in tournaments throughout Northern and Southern California.

This year the JLYSSL will be providing pre-tryout clinics with coaches from each of the seven JLYSSL clubs. The schedules for the 2009 Pre-Tryout Clinics and Tryouts are listed on the JLYSSL website.

Of course, none of these wonderful opportunities would be available to our kids without the volunteers that give so generously of their time to support youth soccer. The Montclair Soccer Club enjoyed a relaxing and friendly evening celebrating our dedicated volunteers at the annual awards dinner held at the Sequoyah Country Club in December 08. Congratulations and thank you to all of the award winners. Please take a minute to review the photographs of our amazing Montclair Soccer Club coaches performing feats of super human athleticism at the JLYSSL Coaches and Referee Tournament last fall. On a final note, we have a new way to stay connected and up to date as a soccer league through the JLYSSL Newsstand - an online quarterly newsletter. Soccer just keeps getting better!

Best regards,

Meredith Brown, MSC President

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb. 6	JLYSL Pre-Tryout Clinics Begin (see page 3)
Feb. 9	Monthly Meeting
March 7-8	Clippers Tryouts: U9-U12
March 9	Monthly Meeting
March 21-22	Clippers Tryouts: U13-U19
March 28	Spring Season Begins



Spring Soccer: Information for Families

The Jack London Soccer League Spring Season starts on March 28, 2009 and continues for 8 consecutive weeks, ending on May 16. Weather permitting, there will be 8 spring season games. The season may be extended due to rainouts if there is field availability. Our spring season is shorter and less formal than the fall. It is a good time to have fun and stay fit.

Games for teams under 10 and older will be scheduled by [Jack London](#). The under 8 and under 6 teams will be scheduled within Montclair Soccer. Most schedules are posted the week before play begins. We know that you would like the schedules sooner, but the reason for the late posting is that often we are uncertain of field availability until right before the season starts. We may have a limited amount of space for spring practices. Not all teams practice in the spring.

Spring teams are formed by returning fall coaches putting together their teams with extra players from other teams (e.g. combining teams). Rosters of 20 plus are not unusual for the older age groups. This is because conflicts with other sports during the spring can make it difficult for everyone to make the scheduled games.

All Players must have a medical release forms (with wet signature) in order to play. A coach may make copies of this form and have the parents sign each copy. The player can carry this with them from team to team.

For under 10 and up, players need to carry their player passes. For coaches not fielding a team this spring, it is the coach's responsibility to give the players their passes to take to their spring teams. We will not be reprinting new passes for returning players in the spring. Please contact your fall coach for your pass.

Announcing JLYSSL's Newsletter

The JLYSSL Newsstand is an online quarterly newsletter for members of the JLYSSL community. The first issue is available here:

<http://www.jlyssl.info/1news.html>

Created in partnership with Sutton Soccer in order to create better community awareness of our league we aim to inform our members of happenings in our league each year.

The newsletter will include such content as open volunteer positions, upcoming events, referee news and information, tournament results, and general interest local soccer news. Send submissions to: newsletter@suttonsoccer.com

Look for the next issue this Spring.

Spring Soccer Registration

March 2009 is the opening of registration for *new* spring registrations.

If you were registered on a team last fall, you are already registered for spring and do not need to register again. Fall fees include the cost of playing in the spring. If you would like to play and your coach is not participating in the spring league, please contact your age group coordinator in the [directory](#) to see if space is available.

New players can register on a space available basis. Please contact your age group coordinator to see if space is available in your group or go directly to our [online registration](#).

Fall Registration

Fall registration for 2009 will be held in late March or early April. Dates and times will be announced in this newsletter and on the [website](#).



December 6 Coaches Tournament

Congratulations to the 2008 Montclair Soccer Club Award Winners

Leo Eisler Award -Lifetime Contributions	<i>Gregg Morris</i>	Under 16 Coach of the Year	<i>Paul Derenthal</i>
President's Award	<i>Steve Shub Kimberly Guillen Peter Costantinidis Tony Plotkin Leslie Kraitchman Pam Hoffman</i>	Under 19 Coach of the Year	<i>Jose Corona</i>
John Murphy Referees Award	<i>Matt Corley</i>	Class IV Girls Assistant Coach of the Year	<i>Ken Stansbury</i>
Bjornstad/Cooper Volunteer Award	<i>Stephen Shub</i>	Class IV Boys Assistant Coach of the Year	<i>Carl Stempel</i>
Bill Muller Coaches Award	<i>Bob Montgomery</i>	Class 3 Girls Coach of the Year	<i>Susan Ruiz</i>
Lifetime Dedication Award	<i>Don Levine</i>	Class 3 Boys Coach of the Year	<i>Stewart Bailey</i>
Under 8 Girls Coach of the Year	<i>Sam Hustis</i>	Distinguished Service Award	<i>Rick Ryerson</i>
Under 8 Boys Coach of the Year	<i>Kevin Mintz</i>	Distinguished Service Award	<i>Nancy Lane</i>
Under 10 Girls Coach of the Year	<i>Linda Ortiz</i>	Special Recognition Award	<i>Alex Walton</i>
Under 10 Boys Coach of the Year	<i>Robert Ferguson</i>	Special Recognition Award	<i>Jennifer Turner</i>
Under 12 Girls Coach of the Year	<i>Brad Olson / Michael Bye</i>	Special Recognition Award	<i>Terri Van Hare</i>
Under 12 Boys Coach of the Year	<i>Keith Goldman</i>	Special Recognition Award	<i>Ken Louie</i>
Under 14 Girls Coach of the Year	<i>Demetris Papaiaouvou</i>	Special Recognition Award	<i>Elaine Connolly</i>
Under 14 Boys Coach of the Year	<i>Randy Barnett</i>	Special Recognition Award	<i>Jill Stowe</i>
		Under 8 Program Award	<i>Paul Derksen</i>
		Youth Referee Award	<i>Andrew Bose</i>
		Biggest Team Volunteer Contribution	<i>Brian Walgenbach's Rattlers</i>

2009 Soccer Pre-Tryout Clinics

These clinics are conducted by Bay Oaks Directors and JLYSSL Club Coaches and sponsored by Jack London Youth Soccer Sports League. They take place each Friday in February. The location will be posted to our website as soon as the organizers have secured a field permit.

Purpose: Prepare for Class I Bay Oaks and JLYSSL Class 3 tryouts.

Players: All JLYSSL U8-U14 field players and goalkeepers from the Oakland, Piedmont, Rockridge, Alameda, Montclair, Grass Valley and Bay Oaks soccer clubs are invited. If you are not yet associated with a JLYSSL club, you may attend if you live in any of these areas. Clinics are free.

What to bring: A soccer ball, cleats or turf shoes, shin guards, and water.

Times:

4:30-6:00 pm – U8 to U10 (Born between 8/1/99 – 7/31/02)

6:00-7:30 pm – U11 to U12 (Born between 8/1/97 – 7/31/99)

7:30-9:00 pm – U13 to U14 (Born between 8/1/95 – 7/31/97)

2009 Clipper Tryout Schedule

Please check the Montclair Soccer Club Web Site at <http://montclairsoccer.pbwiki.com/Clippers+++Tryouts> prior to your tryout date for any changes in dates, start times, field changes, or possible rainout.

Try to attend all tryout dates. Please arrive 30 minutes early to register. Tryout registration forms are available online. Please contact the coaches if you cannot attend a tryout. Coach contact information is available at <http://montclairsoccer.pbwiki.com/Clippers+++Tryouts> Players must wear shin guards.

Coaches will be posted at <http://montclairsoccer.pbwiki.com/Clippers+++Tryouts>.

Girls' Schedule

Age Group	Day/Date	Place	Time
U9 Girls* Born between 8/1/00 – 7/31/01	Sat. 3/07/09 Sun. 3/08/09	Merritt College Merritt College	1:30 – 3:30 pm 4:00 – 6:00 pm
U10 Girls Born between 8/1/99 – 7/31/00	Sat. 3/07/09 Sun. 3/08/09	Merritt College Merritt College	1:30 – 3:30 pm 4:00 – 6:00 pm
U11 Girls Born between 8/1/98 – 7/31/99	Sat. 3/07/09 Sun. 3/08/09	Merritt College Merritt College	8:30 – 10:00 am 11:00 – 1:00 pm
U12 Girls Born between 8/1/97 – 7/31/98	Sat. 3/07/09 Sun. 3/08/09	Merritt College Merritt College	8:30 – 10:00 am 11:00 – 1:00 pm
U13 Girls Born between 8/1/96 – 7/31/97	Sat. 3/21/09 Sun. 3/22/09	Merritt College Merritt College	1:30 – 3:30 pm 4:00 – 6:00 pm
U14 Girls Born between 8/1/95 – 7/31/96	Sat. 3/21/09 Sun. 3/22/09	Merritt College Merritt College	1:30 – 3:30 pm 4:00 – 6:00 pm
U16 Girls Born between 8/1/93 – 7/31/95	Sat. 3/21/09 Sun. 3/22/09	Merritt College Merritt College	8:30 – 10:00 am 11:00 – 1:00 pm
U19 Girls Born between 8/1/90 – 7/31/93	Sat. 3/21/09 Sun. 3/22/09	Merritt College Merritt College	8:30 – 10:00 am 11:00 – 1:00 pm

Boys' Schedule

Age Group	Day/Date	Place	Time
U9 Boys* Born between 8/1/00 – 7/31/01	Sat. 3/07/09 Sun. 3/08/09	Merritt College Merritt College	11:00 – 1:00pm 8:30 – 10:30am
U10 Boys Born between 8/1/99 – 7/31/00	Sat. 3/07/09 Sun. 3/08/09	Merritt College Merritt College	11:00 – 1:00pm 8:30 – 10:30am
U11 Boys Born between 8/1/98 – 7/31/99	Sat. 3/07/09 Sun. 3/08/09	Merritt College Merritt College	4:00 – 6:00pm 1:30 – 3:30pm
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U16 Boys Born between 8/1/93 – 7/31/95	Sat. 3/21/09 Sun. 3/22/09	Merritt College Merritt College	4:00 – 6:00pm 1:30 – 3:30pm
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* Developmental Team that will play Class IV Recreational Flight

Merritt College Field Directions

Take I-580 to the 35th Avenue exit. Proceed east on 35th Avenue towards the hills. At the Warren Freeway (Highway 13) 35th Avenue becomes Redwood Road. Continue on Redwood Road up the hill and turn right at the second stoplight onto Campus Drive. After about a quarter mile, turn left onto the College grounds. Take the second left to enter a series of parking lots. On weekends, you may use any of the white painted spaces not reserved for special use. Bring two quarters to buy a parking permit, which must be placed on your dashboard (not required on Sunday). Walk across the basketball courts and up the ramp to the soccer fields or use the stairs from the innermost lot. The Deputy Sheriff will ticket improperly parked cars.
ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ALLOWED! Field #2 is the U14-and-up field to the right, closest to the football field. Field #4 is the Turf Field

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.