

WHYSA NEWS

A Newsletter by and for the Coaches and Officials of the West Hartford Youth Soccer Association

April, 2004

Spring Recreational Soccer

The Spring Mites will field 16 teams, while the Pre-Juniors will have 6 teams. Play begins the weekend of April 24th and continues through the weekend of June 12th.



Fall, 2004 Recreational Info

Acknowledgment cards will be mailed to over 200 pre-registrants for Fall play. Forms will also be mailed to the Fall, 2003 players who have not yet signed up.

Forms are available in the Children's room of the Main Library on South Main Street, the two branch libraries, through Leisure Services located in Town Hall, and on our website: www.westhartfordsoccer.net

Reminder: The deadline for registration is June 30th. Forms postmarked after that date will incur a \$10 late fee and players cannot be guaranteed a place on their 2003 team. Please send in your registration now!



WHYSA FIFA Course Response

Response to the FIFA Referee Clinic at the Elmwood Community Center was tremendous. We had 30 WHYSA attendees out of 40 available spots. A 2nd Clinic was added with an additional 11 WHYSA attendees. We can anticipate improved refereeing at all WHYSA-sponsored events.

We must continue to encourage every member of WHYSA, especially adults, to consider becoming a referee.



General Meeting

Monday, April 12th

7:00PM

Elmwood Community Center
Election of Officers for 2004-2005 Term

Please plan on attending!-This will be the only notice of this meeting



Memorial Day Parade!

Travel & Rec

We will march in the May 31st Memorial Day Parade. If you would like to march with your team, contact **Helen Rubino-Turco at 561-0435** or e-mail her at helenturco@aol.com.

President's Comments

By Mario Gilardini, WHYSA President

On behalf of Field of Dreams, West Hartford's Community Soccer Foundation, thank you for supporting our Nov. 8 fund-raiser. More than 300 people attended the event. The Soccer Ball exceeded our expectations and netted over \$36,000, which during the next few years, will help fund the construction of four community soccer fields at the towns newly acquired Goodrich site on Quaker Lane South and Flatbush Avenue. Thanks to a generous grant of \$110,000 from the Goodrich Foundation, pledges from our three West Hartford soccer clubs and the soccer community as a whole, we are on our way to raising the \$500,000 needed. Look for the next Soccer Ball on November 6, 2004. I encourage you to attend and support this great cause.

Officer Nominations for 2004-2005 Term

President.....	Mario Gilardini
Executive Vice President.....	Edward Perkins
Treasurer.....	Jim Smallwood
Supervisor Fields.....	Lori Henry
Supervisor Equipment.....	Chuck Shimkus
Senior Division Supervisor.....	Bill Mentus
Junior Division Supervisor.....	John Hussey
Mites Division Supervisor.....	Bruce Whitney
Training Division Supervisor.....	David Heintz
Travel Co-Supervisors.....	Steve Stokoe & Lori Henry
Spring Recreational Supervisor.....	Helen Rubino-Turco
Supervisor of Refereeing.....	Dean Cordiano
Referee Coordinator.....	Mario Gilardini
Corporation Secretary.....	Dean Cordiano
Publicist.....	Jonathan Blaine



Special Recognition for Volunteer Service

During the end-of-year party last fall, WHYSA recognized the following people for their dedication in serving the League for 20, 15, 10 or 5 years:

20 Years

Mario Gilardini

15 Years

John Hussey

10 Years

Bob Schondelmeier

5 Years

Patti Coleman
Jane Comerford
Andy Gagnon
Alan Lebow
Basilio Merino
A.J. O'Brien
Graham Robinson
Jon Wheeler
Glen Briden
Jeremy Gioco
Craig Michaud
Michael Burshteyn
Ryan Sprague
Jim Smallwood



Spring Travel Soccer



The WHYSA Travel Division will field 10 Travel teams and 4 Premier teams this spring



CJSA News

CJSA has established a risk management program to communicate to its members, clubs and districts methods of minimizing risk to CJSA players, coaches, administrators and other volunteers. The purpose of developing these policies is to protect and provide a safe and healthy environment for the members of CJSA. Risk Management involves many different aspects of the game of soccer, from equipment to field and goal condition, to child abuse issues. Disclosure forms will be made available. Volunteers/Staff must complete a disclosure form upon initial appointment and every three years afterwards. The completion of the disclosure form shall be considered part of the appointment process. Background check will be made at the discretion of the RMC. This program will go in effect with the 2004-05 season starting in September.



Westhartfordsoccer.net

The West Hartford Soccer web site, a joint effort of WHYSA, WHGSL (girls) and the WHWSC (Women), always has new and changing information. You will find registration forms, league updates, directories, special announcements, Ref info and more! Log on and check our website frequently.



Minutes of the General Meeting

December, 2003
The Keg

(Remarks by Mario Gilardini, West Hartford Youth Soccer Association President.)

Our 33rd season has come to a successful conclusion. I would like to thank all of you for your contributions of time and talent to WHYSA. Without you, the youth of West Hartford would not be able to play the beautiful game of soccer. Congratulations to the winner and runner-up of the Junior and Senior Division.



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