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MYS Newsletter

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Then and Now Event a Big Success!

Then and Now event a big success! On March 20, many of us had a chance to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances. More than 200 of us gathered at Christina's in Foxboro to celebrate 25 years of Mansfield Youth Soccer. The evening was a relaxed and fun affair. A video that showed some of the highlights of the last 25 years was presented by Dave Coccia; one of the earliest supporters of MYS. Along with the video, a memory book covering the first 25 years was unveiled, with pictures of hundreds of Mansfield soccer families - both from then and from now. The event, as well as the memory book, was the brainchild of Donna Harrington. Along with Coccia, Lou Amoroso, Karl Chambers, Nancy Le Clair and Pat Harrison, Harrington created the memory book, found spon-

sors to underwrite the cost of the book and pulled together the "Then and Now" event. And the evening had another purpose as well....**the event raised more than \$5400 for our Fields of Green fund raising.** "Donna and her group did a phenomenal job of planning the event and creating this book," said President Keith Broyles. "Not only did it raise money for FOG, but it gave people a chance to reacquaint themselves with old friends. We owe Donna and her group a huge thank you." "We're getting closer everyday to our fundraising goal," said FOG committee chair Kelly Kemp. "The great thing about this event was not only did it raise money, but it gave people a chance to remember how far we've come in the last 25 years, and think about the future of MYS. It was like a reunion for

many of us." Memory books are still available and make great gifts for the soccer player and coach in your family. A book would make a great "end of the season" gift if all players had a chance to personalize it for their coach. They can be bought from Tedeschi's, Stop and Shop, Concession stand or online at www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com. Each book is \$20 each.

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MYS Schedule of Spring Events

For more information on any events listed below and other MYS events visit www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

April 11	Spring season begins - Road and in-town programs
April 14	G Licensing coaching clinic
April 19 - Aug. 31	Fall 2009 registration dates (after Aug. 31 - late fee)
May 30 & June 6	Picture Days
April. 30	Last day to submit Scholarship applications
May 2	Mansfield Clean-Up Day - MYS & Plymouth St. more info. forthcoming
May 2	MYS Night with the Breakers
May 16	Spring fundraiser - Soccer - a-thon
May 30	MYS Spring Night at the N.E. Revolution Game
June 13	Last day of spring season for in-town and travel teams - Award ceremony
June 13	Relay for life, MYS lap - fight back ceremony, come show your support.
July 27 - July 31	(Week 1) Hornets Soccer Camp partnering with MYS
Aug. 3 - Aug. 7	(Week 2) Hornets Soccer Camp partnering with MYS
July and Aug.	Summer pick up games will be offered, details will be posted late June on the web.

MYS Apparel Store to open April 11

Download a coupon online to use toward your next purchase at the MYS apparel store.

The MYS Apparel Store, located at the concession stand in the Plymouth Street Complex, will open on opening day – April 11th. Store hours are 8:00am – 2:00 p.m. every Saturday. Each week the store will have MYS apparel and soccer merchandise for sale. Items such as hooded and non-hooded sweatshirts, long and short sleeve t-shirts, knit caps, blankets, scarves, water bottles, insulated coffee mugs, umbrellas, and many other

soccer related merchandise. Don't forget the much coveted Then & Now Book!! MYS jackets, sweatpants and warm-up suits need to be special ordered. Order forms are located at the store or on the MYS website. **Order deadline is May 5th. Coupon available online!** As with all aspects of the MYS program, the store's success will depend on individuals who are able to volunteer. **PLEASE consider volunteering your time.** If

interested, email your contact information to karenbgoulet@aol.com. Please support our program and stop by the MYS apparel store at the concession stand, it helps fund MYS programs!



Fields of Green Growing Greener

We doubled what we raised last year, and are confident that with one more year of aggressive fundraising, construction may begin as early as summer 2010!



As the grass grows greener with spring approaching, so has **Fields of Green!** To date, we have raised \$321,000 and have a letter of intent from a local bank to match at least that amount in a loan! We doubled what we raised last year, and are confident that with one more year of aggressive fundraising, construction may begin as early as summer 2010!

As you are aware, fixing the drainage problems at the Plymouth Street front fields is critical to maintaining a strong community soccer program. But more than that, a new synthetic turf field will offer more playing space and time which will help our youth live much healthier – socially, physically and emotionally.

We are very appreciative that you have supported this project over the last two years through your generous contributions and volunteer hours, especially in this tough econ-

omy. In this last fundraising year, we will be relying on your support and good will even more.

Our plans for raising even more funds in 2009 began with the Then and Now event held in March. Our 2nd Annual Soccer Marathon fundraiser is planned for May 16th. Last year, this event raised 15K and we expect to exceed that figure this year. In the fall we aim to raise at least 25k from the Columbus Day Tournament which will match what we earned in the fall of 2008. Our smaller fundraisers such as Revolution nights, team pictures, concession stand sales, apparel sales and program/sign sponsorships continue to run strong. And finally our board of directors continue to refining our operational processes which results in more saved funds. All these efforts put together enables MYS to make such great progress towards our goal.

In addition to supporting the Marathon Soccer and Columbus Day tournament, you can also help by asking yourself a few questions:

- Are you a tradesman or contractor who has the time and talent to contribute to the surveying and construction phase of the project?
- Do you know of any other companies, foundations or other individuals who might be interested in giving a donation?
- Do you have any time to donate to the **Fields of Green** committee, Soccer Marathon or smaller fundraising activities?

Please email kellykemp@comcast.net with any suggestions or information. And as always please visit www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com to get more information on the project, our generous sponsors, and how to give more.

MYS In and Around Our Community



Clean-up Day - May 2nd

Mansfield Clean Up Day and MYS is looking to join the effort. Teams are asked to join the effort 30 minutes before or after their May 2nd game., or on Friday night May 1st from 5 to 7pm. Trash bags will

be available at the concession stand. Participates are asked to help the effort by cleaning up the Plymouth Street complex. Thank you in advance for your support cleaning up Plymouth Street Complex.

Relay for life - June 13th

Come show your community spirit and help represent MYS in supporting the Relay for Life initiative by attending the fight back ceremony, MYS lap, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Location: H.S. turf athletic field.

MYS Scholarships

Mansfield Youth Soccer will be awarding scholarships to two High School seniors. The applicants must meet the following requirements: Mansfield resident, former MYS player for a minimum of four years, continuing education at an accredited 2 or 4 year school, a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Print and mail your application in today! Download application at, www.mansfielddyouthsoccer.com
Applications must be received by April 30.

The "Playing for Green" marathon is a fundraising event for MYS's Fields of Green effort to raise funds to renovate the Plymouth St. fields.

Soccer Marathon is Back!

Mark your calendars the SOCCER MARATHON is BACK ! **Saturday May 16** is the date for Mansfield Youth Soccer's second annual soccer marathon. Last year created a buzz, don't miss out this year. The 15 hour game will be played on the high school athletic field and will include soccer players of all ages -- from six years to adult. The "Playing for Green" marathon is a fundraiser for MYS's Fields of

Green effort to raise funds to renovate the Plymouth St. fields. Online registration is NOW OPEN at mansfielddyouthsoccer.com. Register individually (family discounts apply) and be assured teams will be assembled full of friends and teammates of the same age group. Coaches will hand out detailed instructions and pledge sheets at the first game in April. Space is limited on teams so please

sign up early. If you are interested in, volunteering, sponsoring a team or know of someone who would like to sponsor a marathon team, go to www.mansfielddyouthsoccer.com and click on "Playing for Green" or contact Kelly-Kemp@comcast.net. Don't miss out on this exciting day full of soccer and fun activities for the kids!

Volunteer Today! How Can You Help?

Welcome! MYS is excited to announce the appointment of Tracy Murphy as Public Relations Coordinator and Darlene Anderson as Treasurer. Both Tracy and Darlene have a lot to offer MYS. If you have any items that you would like announced or may be newsworthy, please send them along to pr@mansfielddyouthsoccer.com.

Field Director Needed

- Primarily responsible for maintaining the field space of MYS.
- Oversee both Weekly tasks and Management Tasks
- Responsible for Special Projects, i.e., Soccer-a-thon, Jamboree, tryouts
- Schedule and oversee annual field repair/maintenance.
- Candidate must have strong decision making skills.

Registrar Needed

- Primarily responsible for maintaining the membership records of MYS.
- Active participation at Board meetings providing oversight to the MYS membership status.
- Comfort with learning membership software.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills.

For more details on open positions go to www.mansfielddyouthsoccer.com or email: president@mansfielddyouthsoccer.com

If you would like to volunteer and get more involved with the MYS organization please check the website for opportunities.

Two MYS Spring Events You Won't Want to Miss!

Bring your team, your friends, your family and join the MYS community in supporting our local major league soccer teams, the N.E. Revolution and Boston Breakers.



N.E. Revolution Spring Soccer Night

When: Saturday, May 30
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Gillette Stadium
Opponent: D.C. United
Tickets: \$19

Any team that sells a group of 15 Revolution tickets or more will receive a free memory book covering the last 25 years of MYS pictures and stories.

- Order forms avail. online or at the concession stand.
- Seating -- Delegated MYS section inside the Stadium.
- Tailgate before the event

with other MYS teams.

- Ticket deadline, Wed. 5/13.
- Questions? Contact Donna Harrington at 508-339-8731 or email Donna at dharrin445@aol.com
- Pick up tickets at Plymouth St. concession stand from 9 - 11 a.m. on Sat, 5/23

MYS Boston Breaker's Night

When: May 2
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Harvard Univ. Field
Opponent: Los Angeles Sol
Tickets: \$10.00 each

Come cheer on the Boston Breakers Women Professional Soccer Team.

- Lead by 2008 Olympians Kristine Lilly and Heather Mitts.
- This will be the Inaugural season for the Breakers and Women's Professional Soccer in the United States.
- This a great team building event.
- Interested in tickets? Send an email to: hornetevents@mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

Watch our website for updates and cancellations

- Our communication to coaches and families is via email and website.
- Team information as well as program events will be e-mailed.
- If the website and/or hotline are not updated with a GAMES CANCELLED message, then games are on and fields are playable.
- If some but not all fields are unplayable, those games affected will be moved to an open field. They will not be cancelled.
- Changes will be posted at the concession stand bulletin board and our website to direct teams to reassigned fields.
- Rainouts will be called no later than 7:00 a.m. on Sat. morning. **Both the website and hotline will be updated.**
- If it has been steady rain Friday check the website or hotline Friday for notices.

Soccer Shorts

MYS Joins Forces With PTUSA

MYS has joined forces with PTUSA to help develop skills and educate coaches and players alike.

Save the Dates:

- Thurs. April 16
- Tues. May 5
- Thurs. May 21
- 4th date TBA

More details to come. For more information on PTUSA visit, www.ultimatesoccer.org

MYS would like to thank the Hearts at Play organization, www.heartsatplay.org, for the donation of an AED machine. The AED is now located at the concession stand.

Hornet Soccer Camp

- Week 1: July 27 - 31 (9 - 3 p.m.)
 Week 2: Aug. 3 - 7 (9 - 3 p.m.)
- 1/2 day & full day options
- Location: Plymouth Street fields
- Campers will receive a tee shirt and ball with registration.
- Registration due by July 1.
- Brochures will be available online at www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com and at the Plymouth Street Complex concession stand during games throughout the spring season.

Road Team Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2009 - 2010 travel teams will be held the last week of May and the first week of June. Specific dates for each group will be posted on the website. Watch for details.

MYS Hosts G-Licensing

When: Tues., April 14
Where: Jordan Jackson Elementary
Who: Anyone who is a coach, an assistant coach, or parent who has interest in coaching.

MA Youth Soccer believes that "the game is the greatest teacher" and that children will get better at soccer by playing, playing and more playing. Also, that well-trained, resourceful coaches will enhance a child's enjoyment of this sport.

MA Youth Soccer is offering the G license course in an online format which allows the participant to learn at their pace with written and video demonstration as part of the format

The coaching course, will lead you to a G License that emphasizes proper coaching principles. We encourage you to take advantage of this course. (Coaches take seating preferences).