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MYS Newsletter

FALL ISSUE

SEPTEMBER 2009

8th Annual Columbus Day Tournament

Volunteers Needed for Columbus Day Tournament

Oct 10th, 11th, 12th
We are currently in need of volunteers to help with the Columbus Day Tournament which will be held October 10, 11, and 12.

This annual event is made possible by the help of many volunteers. All volunteers will receive a free tee shirt and meal card for lunch. This is a great way to get involved with the tournament and see great soccer at the same time!

If interested in volunteering please contact Nancy Peel at nzpeel@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Without people like you this tournament would not be possible.

There are still openings remaining for all boys age groups and for the girls U8 division. See the MYS website for registration information.



MYS Schedule of Fall Events

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

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| Sept. 12 | Fall season begins - Road and in-town programs |
| Sept. 26 | MYS Fall Outing at the N.E. Revolution Game |
| Oct. 10 - 12 | 8th Annual Columbus Day Tournament - hosted by MYS |
| Oct. 15 | Registration opens for Spring 2010 season |
| Oct. 23 | MYS night at MHS Girls Varsity Soccer Game vs. Sharon |
| TBD | MYS night at MHS Boys Varsity Soccer Game |
| Nov. 21 | Fall season ends - Road and in-town programs |

MYS Apparel Store to open Sept. 12

Apparel store slated to open 9/12 and will be open every Saturday 9:00 - 2:00.

The MYS Apparel Store, located at the concession stand in the Plymouth Street Complex, will open on opening day – September 12th. Store hours are 9:00am – 2:00pm 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, and many other soccer related merchandise. To place

an order for a MYS jacket or sweatpants please stop by the store for forms or download a form under the Apparel tab on our website. **Order deadline is October 3rd.** All short sleeved t-shirts will be on sale. 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.



Ground Breaking News from FOG

“We are targeting to break ground at the end of the spring 2010 season with a planned completion by the end of summer 2010.”



Fields of Green is entering it's third and final year of fundraising. The FOG effort was kicked off in the spring of 2007 with a goal of raising \$1 million in funds over a two year period. To date, we've raised \$350,000 cash, earmarked for Fields of Green, by means of our spring fundraiser, our annual tournament, sponsorships and grants/gifts. We are pleased to announce that MYS has secured a letter of intent for a loan from a local bank which matches at least our cash balance! We are targeting to break ground at the end of the spring 2010 season with a planned completion by the end of summer 2010. We are confident that with one more year of aggressive fundraising, we can decrease the size of our loan significantly! In terms of construction progress for the project we have completed the wet land flagging and surveying of the grounds which puts us in a position to finalize plans for the layout of the new

field. We are very appreciative to the membership and community (business and household) for the support of this project over the last few years. Even in this tough economy we continue to experience generous support through both financial and volunteer hours contributions. Please stop in at the following businesses to thank them for their financial support. Roche Bros., Mansfield Bank, Lynch and Lynch Attorneys, Eames Insurance, Covidien, Harbor One, Qdoba Restaurant, and Mulkern Electric.

For more info. about FOG - go to our website FUNDRAISING at www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

Sponsors Needed!

Mansfield Youth Soccer continues to look for Sponsors! As part of the Fields of Green effort MYS is offering several opportunities for local and corporate business to sponsor our program in exchange for

valuable website space and field sign visibility to over 1,200 players and 850 families. If you know of a business interested in sponsoring our program please contact our Fields of Green committee at www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com/fundraising.html.

Gotta Connection?

Our tournament is a great vehicle for raising funds for Fields of Green. Outside the tournament fees, offering advertising and sponsor options at the tournament is a perfect way to generate even more funds as well as provide pay back for businesses. Our tournament reaches an audience of 4,000 people directly and indirectly thousands more through internet and newspaper tournament advertisements. Do you have a connection or would you be interested in helping us reach these potential donors? Please contact KellyKemp@comcast.net

MYS In and Around Our Community

Congratulations 2009 Scholarship Winners

MYS congratulates Jennifer Mac-Niell and Andrew Bailey who were the recipients of the scholarships awarded to two High School seniors by MYS. Congratulations to these grads and best of luck in September.

Youth Soccer Alumni

Do you know an alumni that should be recognized? Send pictures and updates to mys.alumni@mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

MYS Nights at MHS Varsity Games - Save the Date

Come cheer on your local H.S. teams. Wear your team shirt and bring your spirit to support the girls and boys H.S. soccer teams. MYS players wearing team shirts will get free pizza slice at the game.

Girls Varsity Game - Fri. 10/23 - vs. Sharon, 6:00 start
Boys Varsity Game - TBD

Check website for more information on MYS Varsity Nights.

Photo Gallery ...

Share your game photos with the MYS community. Send pictures to to the webmaster through the website, include your team Name & Age level.

MYS' Facebook Pages

Join MYS' Facebook pages, Mansfield Youth Soccer & Mansfield Youth Soccer, Then and Now, Stay updated on MYS community news. Add photos, share your team achievements, wins, etc.

Fall Family Fun at New England Revolution!

MYS Annual-Family-Fun-Night with the New England Revolution

Mansfield Youth Soccer (MYS) is proud to support the New England Revolution in the Annual-Family-Fun-Night at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA., **Saturday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m.,**

New England Revolution vs. Seattle Sounders FC.

Come early and join other families and teams in the MYS community in pre-game activities sponsored by the New England Revolution. Bring your own pre-game food, friends and teammates and look for the MYS banner in the designated parking lots prior to the game.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for team building, family time, and community spirit! At game time sit with the MYS community and cheer on the Rev's as they show their skills and battle it out on the field against the Seattle Sounders FC.

Ticket deadline is Sept. 16th.
 For more information on this event and for ticket sales
www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com or
 email dharrin445@aol.com



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A look back to Spring... Second Soccer Marathon Game was a Success

May 16th was a warm sunny day with hours and hours of soccer being enjoyed by all ages of youth program. All the kids and adults worked hard to raise \$14,000 at MYS's second annual soccer marathon game. The Green Team, sponsored by Eames Insurance, beat the White Team sponsored by Gamm Orthodontics. Final score was so close as 91 to 90.

More than 250 youth and adults

played soccer, ranging from five year olds to adults -- many of whom had never played the game before. For the adults, it was a change from standing on the sidelines and cheering on their children. This time, it was the kids cheering on their parents. The marathon game finale was sponsored by Easton Spa and Pool with a theme of "dive into soccer" adult soccer challenge.

The kids had a great time playing

on the turf-a sneak peek of what it will be like at Plymouth Street when FOG reaches its fundraising goal of \$1 million dollars and the fields are renovated and a turf field constructed.

Thanks go not just to our volunteers and players, but to the businesses and families who sponsored individual teams and donated raffle items. Key sponsors included: Eames Ins, Gamm Orthodontics, Easton Pool and

Spa, Piccadilly Pub, Pub 99, Lynch and Lynch Attorneys, Mass Premier Courts, Just A little Something, All About You, Full Circle Fitness, Promeddx Pulse, Fitness Together, Mansfield Deli, Pediatrics Dental, Best Buy, Management Search, Platinum Services, Marathon Physical Therapy.

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

The Magic of Small-sided Soccer

In 2005, with the support of Mass Youth Soccer, Mansfield Youth Soccer was one of the first programs in the state to implement the small-sided dual field format for the U5-U8 age groups.

I will admit in the beginning I too had some skepticism — no goals? Two games at once? That isn't the soccer I know! But having been a part as a coach, a parent, administrator, and a spectator for four years, I am a true believer in this format. The primary reason — more touches of the ball for every child.

More touches translates to more

fun, better skills, and all kids getting involved every game, every week!

There is a lot of research that has been done with regard to the small-sided format for younger players. Some of the primary benefits US Soccer lists for the small-sided format include:

- **Fast path to development** — more dribbling, more shooting, more receiving, more passing.
- **Developmentally appropriate challenges**

— players have to make more decisions in a small-sided game, however players face reasonably challenging, less tactically complex situations.

- **Building athletic mentality** — with fewer players on the field there is no place to “hide”, Players maintain focus and compete more often.

Some added benefits include a shift of emphasis from keeping score to having fun. The kids get to play with and against a variety of kids every week. And my favorite...more goals!!!

A few reminders to spectators:

- Encourage good play and sportsmanship by all players
- 100% positive, 100% of the time
- Please observe the games from the outside perimeter of the fields only. Coaches and players only are permitted between the fields
- No pets are allowed at the Plymouth St. facility
- The best post game question to ask your child is “Did you have fun today?”

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

New Picnic Tables

Many thanks to the Mansfield Board of Selectmen and Non-Profit Gift Fund Committee for the new picnic tables at the soccer fields. It was recognized by the MYS board that the Plymouth Street soccer complex picnic tables were a safety concern. Most of them were falling apart. The board of selectmen and non-profit gift committee approved a grant for MYS to replace the picnic tables. We would also like to recognize volunteers Sam Bongarzone and John Medeiros, with the guidance of Kent Bongarzone, for building the tables saving MYS assembly cost. We hope everyone enjoys the tables !!

Field Director Needed

Effective May, 2009, MYS has redefined the board position of Field Director to align it with its supervisory nature. The physical requirements previously associated with the

position have been delegated to a volunteer Field Preparation team. Under the management of the Field Director, the Field Preparation team is responsible for the weekly field maintenance. This modification has helped make the position more manageable. Currently the Field Director role is vacant. If you are interested in finding out more information about the position, please contact Keith Broyles at president@mansfieldyouthsoccer.com or view job description on the MYS website.

Welcome!

MYS welcomes Christine Eddy as the newest member to the board of directors. Christine has been voted in as the MYS Registrar and we look forward to working closely with her. We thank all those who expressed interest in the position. MYS thanks Tiffany Persechini for her time on the board. Tiffany has been a dedicated volunteer who has helped build our program stronger and who will be missed by many.

QDoba Cash Fundraiser

A win win opportunity for MYS membership. Qdoba Mexican Grill has invited Mansfield Youth Soccer to participate in an exciting fundraising opportunity at no cost or risk to MYS and its members. Here's how it works: Qdoba Qcash cards will be offered for sale in \$10.00 increments at the MYS apparel store. MYS will receive 50% or \$5.00 for each card sold. No value is lost on the purchase of the card, it is worth the face value you pay for it. To make it even more of a value for you, MYS will give you a discount of 10% on any purchase of \$30.00 or more. Please hurry to purchase your cards since the promotion only runs through October 1st. Cards will be available each weekend in September starting September 12th. Cards would make great end of the season gifts for coaches or holiday gifts.