

Southbury Soccer

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What's New in March?

On February 13th we held a very successful Open House and walk-in for registration at Parks & Rec. Although we have been doing mail and online registration for some time now, it is always good to have an opportunity to meet new parents, existing players and answer questions. This time we invited premier program coaches from AC Caldo, CFC, Soccer Extreme and Everson Futsal to attend and provide information, since many of our club players also participate in these programs. Additionally, we had a sports nutritionist there to provide insight and training tips - our children need to stay healthy to play! *Many thanks* to all the volunteers who made it happen.

If you didn't get a chance to stop by, we've been working on our communications, and have a program handout for each level of play plus a basic rules/positions handout. They will be posted on our website. Contact lizjones429@earthlink.net to make suggestions on communications - What would you like to know?

Congratulations to the Lyon Family for winning the Red Bull Tickets for their opening match in March! The Lyons have been a dedicated Southbury Soccer Family for years and certainly deserve to win!



Board Changes...

Coaches/Parents/Board Members/All,

As some of you know I have taken on the role of President of Southbury Soccer Club. The Board, coaches, parents, and I would like to thank Mark Cambra for his many years of service to the Club including this last 18 months as President. It is his example of volunteering that sets a model for us all. We wish him all-the-best in his new job with its' many new challenges and opportunities. We have a lot of ideas that Mark and the rest of our club has been working on and will continue to use newsletters like this and other communications to get that information to you in the future. One of our goals is to become a resource of soccer information for our Southbury Families.

*Thank you,
Carlos Almeida*



Mom's vs. Mom's Game

Coming soon to a soccer field near you! We are taking names for our Moms vs. Moms game later this spring. No experience necessary – it's just for fun and to learn more about the game.

Dads – no fear! We didn't forget you and will have a game for you too.

New Volunteers Added - would YOU like to help?

Our club has a great history of developing teams and team spirit and building character in our kids. This spirit is due in part to the many parents who volunteer their time. We have a great group of volunteers and we invite you to help if you are interested. We have positions of Head Referee Coordinator and Big Kickers coordinator open – contact erichesse@charter.net or caalmeida@charter.net for more info. We will also be replacing some of the existing board positions come the fall. Thank you again. Recent changes:

Craig Perry and **Jan Birtwell** will assist Steve Suple as referee coordinators.

Sherry Adami will be Uniform coordinator this spring, taking over for Laura Connors (who stays as fundraising).

Glen Gleisner has been added to our Tournament committee.

Liz Jones takes on the role of communications and newsletters.

High School Travel programs will be coordinated by **Jack Birtwell**

Chris Murphy – will transition to the Pre-Kickers Coordinator role, taking over from Tim Holland

*New club logo coming with help of **Dave Plant!***

John Fusco will continue to run in-house high school program



Think about becoming a Coach!

<http://www.cjsa.org/Coaching/>

If you're new to soccer or starting out as a parent in the program, you can help the program and have you don't have to be a pro to do it! Southbury Soccer covers the cost of courses and these are run by the Conn Junior Soccer Association (CJSA). There is a good amount of information and the schedule on their website.

Youth Modules: A 5-hour course recommended for parents, new coaches, working with children in the ages of U6 – U10. This provides the most current and advanced information on the growth and development of the youth soccer player.

E Certificate: An 18-hour course for coaches working with U11-U13. Theoretical and practical instruction on teaching techniques/tactics of 1v1 and 6v6. Emphasis is player's technical development by applying tactical concepts.

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D License: A 36-hour course for coaches working with players U14+. Theoretical and practical instruction on teaching the four components of soccer: technique, tactics, fitness and psychology as they relate to the game. Coaches are required to pass two written test and a practical field test. All applicants must have first aid training.

Players, become a Club Referee!

If you are 13+ as of June 30th you can become a CJSA Grade 8 Referee and work as both assistant referees (ARs) and center referees for travel games at age groups U9 and above. The four-module training program is online, and then participants need to take a field training/test session between March 6th and April 10th (The closest one is Newtown 4/10 at 3 p.m.) Participants must receive 75% on the final test to get certified.

To register go to <http://www.ctreferee.net>. *Great way to better understand the game and help out!*

Upcoming Dates

Month of March: Team rosters and leagues being created; April 10: Season Starts; June 20: Season Ends