



# The Kicker



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## A Word From the President

The 2009 Soccer Season was met with much success yet again this year. This year we had an increase in our competitive team numbers. Our competitive teams have done a great job in representing the club in a positive manner and showcased very well. Anyone who is interested in getting involved in competitive soccer should keep an eye on our website for upcoming competitive team try-outs in September.

### Town Wins Award

As some of you may be aware the Town was nominated for and won the **Ontario Soccer Associations Meritorious Service Corporate Award**. The Town went to Ottawa with the Lake Simcoe Soccer Club in April 2009 to be presented with this prestigious award. The nomination was based on the Town's commitment to providing the best soccer facility and pitches in all of Ontario and the time, dedication and hard work the Town Staff put into maintaining the quality of our fields. Each year the Town Staff go above and beyond to show that they are committed to our programming and working with the Club to continue to develop our facility. The Staff are grounded on the principles of social responsibility and strives to conduct them-

selves with a high level of commitment to public citizenship and integrity. The Town's dedication to our sport and commitment to our community and children has allowed us to cultivate a reciprocal relationship providing far reaching benefits to our members and the community at large. Please join us at the "trophy trailer" at 1:30 on Sunday to congratulate our Town.

### New Clubhouse

For those that haven't heard, Town Council approved the Club's proposal to build a new clubhouse facility on the Civic Centre lands. This is a very exciting project for the Club. The Club will be required to solely provide all of the funds to build the facility, however it will equate to a cost savings of approximately \$35,000 per year. This will allow the Club to put more registration revenues back into our players and their development. This exciting move will take place hopefully by the spring of 2011.

### Field & Civic Centre Expansion

The 2009 Federal Budget announcement revealed a new \$500 million fund initiative, to be expended in the next two years, to renew and build sport and recreation facilities within our communities. As part

of this initiative the Town received a very generous grant from the Provincial and Federal governments to expand and develop the Civic Centre. So, what does this mean to us...the new facility will include an illuminated artificial turf senior soccer pitch, one irrigated turf senior soccer pitch, two baseball diamonds (one illuminated), artificial outdoor ice rink/ combination roller hockey, tennis and basketball court, junior playground with picnic shelter, adventure playground with picnic shelter, BMX course, north shore bicycle challenge/ skills park, four cross cycle circuit, beach volleyball court, water playground/ splash pad, rock climbing wall, ropes course, tube and terrain park, two toboggan hills, tubing hill, terrain park/beginner ski area, ski tow, snow making system, lighting system, Chalet building with banquet facilities, picnic shelters and picnic areas, walking, hiking and interpretive trails, washrooms and lastly, but necessary, additional parking. The plans will be available on our website shortly.

### Balancing

The Club instituted a new balancing process this season on a trial basis. This year, the Executive met with each of the coaches in the division and allowed

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## President's Message (cont'd)

them to participate on a player draft. The Club thought it would be a good approach to allow the coaches who know the players the best to participate in the process to help us ensure the teams are adequately balanced. For the most part this worked very well and the coaches enjoyed participating. We welcome our members' opinions on the balancing process and encourage anyone who would like to provide feedback on the balancing process to email the club to let us know your thoughts.

### Coaching

On the Coaching front, the club has once again offered the Level 1 Coaching Certification class to our house league coaches at no cost. We now have approximately 40 coaches who have

completed the course. This course has been a terrific way to develop our coaches and assist them in providing additional skills development to our young players. Our commitment to developing our coaches has drastically lowered our attrition rates and has left the number of teams without coaches at the beginning of the season at a minimum. Please contact our Director of Coaching to express your interest in level 1 or 2 for the 2010 soccer season.

### Executive

We're looking for enthusiastic people who want to help out in whichever capacities they are able too, to assist us in delivering our soccer programming to our membership. Our club isn't just about soccer; it's about building a family and new friendships. We have jobs of all

sizes available, so don't be shy, come out and join the fun!

I would like to thank each one of our Board and Operating Committee Members for their endless support, time and dedication. Our club would not be the success it is without each and every one of you. Our Board is passionate about soccer and just as passionate about providing a community sporting program for all of our children to enjoy. Each and everyday, you reach out and show our Town that you truly believe in a cohesive community developing norms of solidarity and reciprocity which are essential to stable communities. I look forward to seeing everyone in the 2010 soccer season.

Yours in soccer,  
Sarah Gill, President

### Byte Sized Coaching

A great new online resource for coaches of all abilities and for all age groups

## Soccer Development

I have had people ask me in the club why do we hold outside tournaments? The tournaments are a chance to host teams from Ontario and let them experience and enjoy what the Lake Simcoe Soccer Club has to offer. It is also an opportunity for the club to raise funds used specifically for player and coach development.

This year we again held a coaches clinic prior to the season that is run by the Ontario Soccer Association. These 8 hour sessions

are built around how to run a practice, what skills should be worked on, coaching ethics, and more. We encourage all house league coaches to take advantage of this opportunity next year.

We also continued the use of Byte Sized Coaching, an online coaching resource. It is for both the seasoned and first time coach that helps them to

plan their practices, gives them plenty of exercises to run, and even has a section of activity pages that could be printed off for the players to take home.

SC Academy, in partnership with the Club, ran two skills sessions during the season. It is an excellent opportunity for players to build their soccer skills.

We are always looking for ways to help develop our players and coaches. Any ideas or assistance would be greatly appreciated.



# From the Referee Tent

I would like to thank all of the referees and junior linespersons for making the 2009 season a successful one.

I'd also like to thank the players, coaches, parents, spectators and executive for encouraging and respecting our officials.

I hope to see all the referees and junior linespersons come back next year and welcome newcomers to the squad.

To become a **referee**, you must be 12 years of age as of April 1st (for the year you wish to referee).

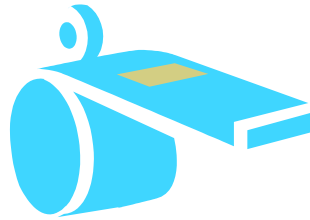
To become a **junior linesperson**, it is recommended that you be 11 years of age by April 1st. If the junior linesperson numbers fall

short of expectation, younger kids will be selected.

In the past two years, I have had more kids sign up than required to make a squad. For this reason, all new referee and linesperson registrations will be wait-listed.

Squad selection for 2010 will work similar to previous years:

1. All returning referees have priority on the 2010 squad.
2. Anyone on the 2009 waiting list will be next in line – provided they re-register their intent.
3. The remaining people will be selected from the 2010 signup list – first come first serve.



The sooner you signup at the referee tent on Saturday August 22nd, the better your chance in making the squad in 2010. Selection will also be influenced by the registrant's age.

For further information about refereeing and registering as a referee for next year, please drop by the referee tent on the Saturday morning of the Laird Memorial Cup weekend.

Peter Sing  
LSSC Head Referee

## Referees and Junior Linesmen:

**Don't forget to signup for the 2010 season at the Referee Tent on August 22**

## Adult League

2009 was the second successful year for an adult mixed league in the Lake Simcoe Soccer Club.

Registration this year resulted in 4 teams and a waiting list, with not quite

enough people to create 6 teams. Hopefully next year's registration will allow us to play with 6 teams.

I would really like to see this division grow over the next few years.

If anyone is interested in taking over the Senior Coordinator position, please contact the club.

## WANTED

**Adult member to take over the Senior Coordinator position.**

**Help us to grow and improve your league!**

## Player Balancing

This year we tried something new. We involved the coaches in the making of the teams. For a first try, it went well.

We learned some things that need to be implemented next year and are always looking for ways to improve the process.

Hopefully it also showed why it is so important that the player evaluations be done thoughtfully and truthfully.

Please forward any constructive suggestions for improving the process to the club.

**Coaches** – do not forget to hand in your player rating sheets to the Executive Trailer this weekend. These are vital in putting the teams together in the spring!

## Coaches:

**Don't forget to hand in your player evaluation sheets**

# Rep and All-Star Tournaments

2009 has been yet another fantastic year for the Competitive and All-Star tournaments we have held this year at the club.

All in all this year we will have had 175 teams in the three tournaments competing for bragging rights.

The All-Star tournament was again our biggest tournament as we had 75 teams participate from all over Ontario, basically a sellout.

All the visitor's that come to the tournament comment on our great facilities, our professional referee's, and the organization of the tournaments. The club is very proud of the comments we consistently receive on our tournaments and it is a testament to all the volunteers that make it happen.

Remember our girls tournament comes up the first weekend in September, the 12th and 13th. Come out

and watch some fantastic soccer and cheer on our own club teams. We have four teams participating in the tournament and they are sure to compete hard!

Congratulations to all of our teams who have participated in the tournaments!

And a special congratulations to the Under 8 Girls All Stars for winning their division!



Central Girls Soccer League



## Rep Soccer

Take your skills to a whole new level. Watch the website for teams and tryout times.

Coaches - we can only have rep teams if we have rep coaches. See the website for the Rep Coach Application Form.

## Rep Coaching Information

We are always looking for new rep coaches to continue building our rep program.

In order to provide a rep

team for any age group, we need a coach first.

If you are interested in coaching at the rep level, check the website for the

2010 Rep Coaching Application Form.

You can also speak to our Director of Rep Soccer - Bryan Brush.

## Rep Soccer Tryouts Information

Once again it's that time of year when soccer is winding down for the season. With it comes Rep tryout time. These teams will train indoor over the winter months.

The tryouts will start in September. Times will be on the weekends or in the evenings during the week.

Go to the [lakesimcoesoccer.com](http://lakesimcoesoccer.com) for information on the teams available for rep soccer in 2010. The site will list the contact name and phone number for the coach as well as tryout dates, times and locations.

Our rep soccer program is growing and is getting stronger every year. By having S & C Academy

work with all the rep teams over the winter program, our teams were better prepared and better skilled to play at their level of competition.

Soccer is getting stronger every year, so now's the time to sign up and try out for a Rep team.

# 2009 Annual General Meeting

The 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held in late October to mid-November at the club house. The date will be published in the Advocate newspaper and on-line on our website.

It is important that you plan to attend. This is when members of the Executive are elected and Operating Committee applications accepted.

The Executive Committee positions up for election this year are:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Director - Rep Teams
- Director - Operations

- Director - Soccer Development

In addition to the election of the Executive, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will be handled.

By-Law amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or submitted by a Member to the Club, in writing at least 21 days prior to the AGM. For 2008, they should be submitted prior to September 30th to ensure inclusion for discussion at the AGM.

The AGM is open to all registered members of the Lake Simcoe Soccer Club.

Every regular Member

aged 18 and over shall have the right to attend, speak and cast one vote at Members' meeting of the Club.

Every regular Member under the age of 18 shall have the right to attend and speak at Members' meetings, but any vote must be cast by a parent or guardian who shall also have the right to attend and speak on behalf of that Member at Members' meetings.

Plan to attend this year's AGM. This is the time to make your voice heard and to help shape the direction of **YOUR** soccer club.

## Annual General Meeting

Watch the website for the date of the AGM.

Come out and become involved.

It's **YOUR** soccer club!

## Concession Stand

The Concession Stand has had another successful year averaging daily sales of \$150.

The club tried a few new products this summer, and would love to hear some suggestions on what you would like to see offered next year.

The Concession Stand is a very busy place during tournaments and the club is always in need of volunteers willing to help out.

Many thanks to Tonya, Menette and Jacqueline or their enabling us to provide this service to our members. They have done

a fantastic job and we could now have achieved the success we have without their support.

Please email the club with product ideas or to volunteer .



## Registration News

2009 has been a fantastic year. We have 1411 players registered in all levels of play, including the new Co-ed Adult league.

The online registration facility continues to be well used.

For 2010 we will have a

new provider for online registration and league management. Additional information will be communicated as information becomes available.

Registration for the 2010 season will begin in early January and end mid-April. Dates will be published on

the website and in the paper.

Register early as this year we had waiting lists in some of the age groups.

Congratulations on a great 2009 season and see you in 2010!

## 2010 Season

It will be here before you know it.

Registration will begin in January for all age groups.

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## Thank you ...

The Lake Simcoe Soccer Club wishes to thank all our **Coaches, Players, Parents and Volunteers** for all their hard work and dedication this season. It was a great season and we couldn't do it without you.

See you on the pitch in 2010!

## Thank you to our Sponsors

The Lake Simcoe Soccer Club wishes to thank all our wonderful sponsors for their support of soccer in Georgina. Your financial support is essential to the operation of our club.

If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact [sponsors@lakesimcoesoccer.com](mailto:sponsors@lakesimcoesoccer.com).

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