



# The Direct Kick

## Newsletter of the Manchester East Soccer League

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### President's Corner!

The 2006 season saw some exciting new developments which will help us build a stronger program for the future. We had a dozen coaches from the Senior divisions that took the coaches E level licensing course in June. This level of commitment to gain knowledge that can then be taught to the children is what makes the volunteers at East a step above the rest. We will be hosting another clinic this year and all coaches are strongly advised to try and attend. There are techniques on practice and game strategy as well as dealing with players of all levels. The league also will pick up the cost of the course in the form of reimbursement. The E level course is a 16 hour commitment and will be offered on consecutive Saturdays in April. Attaining this license will give coaches preferential treatment as far as getting teams in the future.

2006 also saw the beginning of more inter league play in some of the junior divisions. In U14, U12 and U10 we participated in our first Rivalry weekend with the North League and by all accounts it was a very positive experience. Some of our U14 teams also played teams from Suncook during the season. This exposure to different levels of play will only help our players grow. Our Girls program saw the U19 ladies included with the U16's for a Senior division team that played against the neighboring leagues. In U10 we held our first League Festival. For anyone that attended it was like a big family day at the field that weekend and I heard "The kids had a blast" from the parents. Isn't this what it's all about?

The continued efforts of Frank Scarito and those that pioneered the referee program is allowing us to grow a stable

of junior officials who by the end of the season last year were capably handling playoff assignments and working in inter league tournaments. Keep up the good work Frank and crew.

As a league we had almost 20 junior volunteers who participated as coaches, referees or in some other capacity. We will be rewarding these volunteers with a night at the Monarchs game on March 7.

In the sponsor department we picked up over a dozen new or returning businesses that helped out in 2006. We could not survive as a league without the help of these people and I would like to thank them all on behalf of our league.

In looking forward to 2007 you will notice that we have raised our registration fees. There was concern registered by parents last year that they were not told about team snacks, year end trophies, team pizza parties or coach's gifts. These things have all been standard fare in the league for as long as I can remember. They are also not a requirement rather more a good will gesture. We will alleviate the need for trophies with medals. There will now be Participatory Medals handed out to all players from U10 and below. U12 and above will continue to only award trophies to the two finalists. For the price MESL is a value that we as a board believe is a bargain.

I would like to give a special thanks to departing board members Tracy Bachert, Charles Birt, Jerry Griffin, Stacy Harrison, Tim MacDonald, Elaine Penchansky and Dave Tisdell. Thank you all for your years of service.

Regards,

**Jay O'Halloran**

President -MESL

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### Registration Information from the Registrar

Hello to all the parents and players of Manchester East Soccer League,

It is a BIG challenge to get everybody signed up, make sure that they are in the right age division, fixing our on-line registration with Sportspilot and contacting anybody who may have been on a waiting list to let them know if they will be on a team. We had over 550 players last year. Thank you to everybody involved with MESL for helping me get through my first year as the Director of Registration.

The most notable change for MESL this upcoming season is the registration fees. In the last couple of years we have experienced an increase in the expense of keeping our soccer league as one of the best in NH. There is an increase in the registration fees and there will no longer be the "early bird discount" registration fee. The registration fees are \$55.00 for a single player, \$110.00 for two players and \$125.00 for family with three or more players. There is now a July 1<sup>st</sup> payment date cut-off for any person who has registered before June 30<sup>th</sup>. If payment is not received by July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a \$25.00 late fee charged and the family rate discount for three or more registered players will be removed and every player that was registered will be charged the \$55.00 registration fee. The players who were registered and have not paid by July 1<sup>st</sup> also will not be placed on a team roster until the fee is paid. If no roster spot is available the player will be placed on the waiting list. If you register after July 1<sup>st</sup> you will be charged the late fee of \$25.00, you will lose the family rate discount for three or more players, and at that point if there are no openings in your child's division he or she will be put on a waiting list. The decision for the increases in the registration fees and the addition of the late fee and loss of the family rate was not taken lightly by the Board of Directors.

We will still offer scholarship funding for those who may need it and qualify. If you wish to inquire about the scholarship funding please e-mail the league president at [itsakick@mesl.org](mailto:itsakick@mesl.org).

Once again thank you to all who helped last year and let's make this year another fantastic year.

In Soccer,

**Scott O'Neill**

Registrar

#### U14 Division

It was another great year in U14. I would like to thank a great group of coaches. Leo Fortier, Jerry Griffin, Mike Tagliareni, Richard Fisk, Ruth Grimes, Anna Gilde, Joe Collins and Tony Huard all did a great job with their teams. I would like to thank our sponsors CD Tile, Mako's Pizza, East Side Auto and Carr Tool for their support of our children.

As usual the U 14 playoffs were competitive and East was represented by CD Tile and Mako's Pizza in the post season tournaments.

I hope to see you all at the field next year for another great season of soccer at MESL.

**Carrie Reilly**

U14 Division Manager

#### U12 Division

It was a very entertaining year in U-12. Great games all year long with a very competitive finish. All five teams proved to be competitive regardless of the end results. Thanks to all the players, parents and coaches for making it the year that it was.

Yours in soccer,

**Jerry Griffin**

U12 Division manager

#### Coaches:

We are putting together a course for a motivated coach to earn an E License. An E license qualifies a coach to work with U14 players all the way down to U6. It is a 16 hour course with a short test at the end. It is being taught by a nationally graded A coach. We will have Jeff Cousineau available to us in April. Jeff is the Boys varsity coach at the Derryfield School. The plan is to run two 8 hour sessions on consecutive Saturdays at Padden Field and Hillside Middle School. The goal is to get the information to the people who will have the greatest impact on the children and that is the coaches. This would be a great learning experience and give coaches the skills to run a practice, understand strategy and deal with the players in a positive way.

The cost will be covered by the league as we, the board of directors, believe this is a great way to improve the overall product we offer. For info call 626-7833.



# Thank you to all those who volunteered as coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, referees and concession workers.

## U10 Division

The U-10 Division was very exciting and rewarding for our children during the Fall of 2006. I would like to thank all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Sponsors and Team Parents for their commitment and involvement. The U-10 Division is successful because of each of our volunteers.

The U10 Festival was a wonderful event. It was great to be a part of and enjoy the camaraderie of the teams. I am looking forward to meeting with new and returning volunteers in my new position of vice president. All adults are welcome to get involved with a team you will be glad you did. We are committed to making the season fun for our children.

Thank you again for your support and involvement. We are all looking forward to the upcoming season.

**John Butchard**

U10 Division Manager

## 2006 Raffle Prize Winners:

\$300.00 Cicero Busato  
 \$200.00 Gail Manning  
 \$100.00 Larry Cook

## Monarchs Tickets:

Frank Scarito  
 Sharon Herdlein  
 Kayla Michali  
 Gerry Gagnon  
 Donna Cheverfils

## Gift Certificates:

Chili's - Don Beecy  
 Demers Garden Center - The Blron's  
 Modell's - Joseph and Karen Kalisz  
 Puritan Backroom - Sandra Bennis  
 Stop N' Shop - Allison Wiechert  
 Stop N' Shop - Rick Wyman  
 TGIF - Sally Phalan  
 Toys R Us - Pierrette Blanchette

## Pizza:

Giovanni's Pizza - Jay Murphy  
 Giovanni's Pizza - Ken Piecuch  
 Papa Gino's - The Parkers

Congratulations  
 and  
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## Board of Directors 2006

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     - U12 Division  
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     - U6 Division

## 2006 Award Winners:

Coach of the Year  
 Senior Division:: Jay O'Halloran  
 U14: Leo Fortier  
 U12: Shane Goulet  
 U10: Deb Capistran  
 U8: Roger Jerome  
 U6: Kelley Paradis  
 Team Parent of Year:  
 Christina Shea  
 Referee of the Year:  
 Bill Trombly  
 Jr Referee of the Year:  
 Seth Grimes  
 Volunteer of the Year:  
 Kathleen Epperson  
 Presidents Award:  
 Scott O'Neill





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Challenger Sports.  
Week of July 30 to  
August 3  
5:30 to 8:30PM  
Ages 5 to 16  
Cost of \$99.00  
per player

MESL 2007 Registration  
Where:  
Hillside Middle School  
When:  
Wednesday March 14, 2007  
From:  
6:00PM to 8:00PM  
Cost:  
55.00 per player  
125.00 Family Max  
If new to League must have a  
birth certificate.