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## NOTE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to the CSA Spring 2007 season. We are excited to report that we have over 1600 kids registered for soccer this year, a new Cheyenne record. CSA is the largest youth sports club in Wyoming. The CSA Board would like to stress that this organization is for our children to play and learn soccer and to have fun. For them to have **fun**, our comments and attitudes need to always be **positive**.

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> will be Silent Saturday, and we ask all parents and coaches (u8 and older) to honor our guidelines for this day (see article on Silent Saturday). Let's all try to keep CSA soccer a fun and positive place for our kids, and lets have a memorable season.

## CSA/STING CONSIDERING COMBINING

CSA and the Sting Soccer Club are considering combining for the benefit of soccer in Cheyenne. We will be holding a public meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Story Gym to seek input and comments regarding this possible merger. We have posted a letter of understanding describing the process on our website ([www.cheyennesoccer.com](http://www.cheyennesoccer.com)). If you have comments, concerns or suggestions, please attend this meeting or submit your comments to [cheyennesoccer@bresnan.net](mailto:cheyennesoccer@bresnan.net).

**LOST AND FOUND** Please check the lost and found areas at both Cahill (Snack Shack) and North Park (Maintenance shed).

## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS?

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact a Board member or visit the CSA website([cheyennesoccer.com](http://cheyennesoccer.com)) for information about CSA, soccer and coaching links!

## Cheyenne Soccer Night at DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK

The Colorado Rapids will be holding a Cheyenne Soccer Night at Dick's Sporting Goods Park on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event features the Rapids vs. FC Dallas at 7 pm. Discounted tickets are available, and can be purchased by contacting Megan Moore at 303.727.3537. Discounted tickets are available for most Rapids home games. Visit [www.coloradorapids.com](http://www.coloradorapids.com) or call Megan for more info.



## LIAM IS BACK FOR SOCCER CLINICS

CSA has again hired Liam Sinclair from the British Challenger Soccer Camps to do clinics this spring starting April 30th. Visit our website for additional information on Liam's schedule for the rest of the spring season.



## Free LCCC Soccer Clinic

LCCC men and women soccer players will be conducting a free clinic for all CSA players on Thursday April 26th from 4:30 – 6:00 pm at North Park. The focus of the clinic will be skills on the ball, especially dribbling. All players are welcome to come, learn and meet the team players!

## CSA thanks our Club Sponsors

OCI, Dick's Sporting Goods, Papa Johns, Millhouse Electronics, Turf Master Sod Farms, and Andrikopoulos Resources, Inc., for their wonderful support!

## NOTICE TO COACHES – NORTH PARK CLOSED FOR PRACTICE

*REMINDER: No practice at North Park this spring until further notice. Please be courteous with your practice time and limit it to one hour if teams are waiting. Please check the website for changes to this policy this spring.*

## BRITISH CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP

CSA will again be hosting soccer camps this summer. Due to the great participation last summer, Challenger Soccer will hold two separate weeklong camps at North Park. Camps will be held from June 11-15th and July 9-13th, 2007. All players should have received a copy of the camp flyer. To register, visit our web site ([www.cheyennesoccer.com](http://www.cheyennesoccer.com)) or pick up a camp flyer at Cahill Concessions or North Park Maintenance shack. Cost is \$110 for the half day camps (Ages 6 and above) and \$90 for the mini-camps (ages 4 and 5). Sign up early and receive a free jersey. For more information, please call Dominique Cone at 634-8776.



## SOCCER SWAP

The CSA/Sting Soccer Swap held March 19<sup>th</sup> at Central High was another success. Thanks to the sponsors (Big D Exxon, Dick's Sporting Goods, Papa Johns, Pepsi, Colorado Rapids) of the swap, all the folks that donated equipment, and all the volunteers who helped organize. Most of the equipment that was donated was gobbled up. We will be sending 2-3 boxes of equipment to Eurosport to distribute to needy youth throughout the world. Please drop off any unused equipment at bins set up at North Park and Cahill for future soccer swaps.

## TOURNAMENTS

*The Kohl's Cup and High Plains Shootout* will be held May 25 – 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend). This tournament is held in Laramie in conjunction with the Wyoming State Cup. The tournament is open to recreational and rec plus teams. CSA teams U8 and above may participate. Entry deadline is May 7, 2007, and forms are available at [www.wyomingsoccer.com](http://www.wyomingsoccer.com).

**Additional tournament information** can be found at [www.wyomingsoccer.com](http://www.wyomingsoccer.com) and [www.csysa.org](http://www.csysa.org).

## STING TRYOUTS

Cheyenne Sting competitive soccer club will be holding Phase I tryouts for the fall season for U11 & U12 on May 9th, 2007 at North Park 6 to 8pm and for U13 & U14 May 16th, 2007 North Park 6 to 8pm. Visit [www.cheyennesting.com](http://www.cheyennesting.com) for registration and other information or call Juston Taylor (778-2882) or Jon Cameron (630-9521).

## South Cheyenne Community Park Cleanup

Clean-up Day to pick up - trash and debris to kick off the development of our newest community park Saturday, April 21st, 2007 8:00 am until 12:00 pm (noon). Free pizza and t-shirts while they last. Meet at the vacant lot near the corner of Parsley and Ames Avenue. Call Jimmy (421-4647) or Jim (640-1799) for more info..

## SILENT SATURDAY FOR U8 AND UP GAMES

### ON MAY 5TH

**The CSA Board of Directors asks all coaches, players, parents and spectators to support the True Spirit of Youth Soccer on Silent Saturday!**

Silent Saturday events have been successfully implemented in several different leagues in a variety of sports across the country. The feedback is almost universally positive—especially from the players! CSA exists for its youth players; and we are excited to give them a chance to play on their own!

The objectives of Silent Saturday include:

- To give players a chance to trust their skills and instincts, without sideline input and concern that their mistakes will be corrected from the sidelines in a game environment
- To remind coaches, parents, and players that practice is the time for instruction and games are the showcases for learning
- To remind everyone that youth soccer is primarily for the purpose of KIDS PLAYING, LEARNING AND HAVING FUN!

Guidelines for May 5<sup>th</sup> games:

- Parents and spectators may provide support for the team by clapping ONLY
- Parents and spectators may not direct ANY comments regarding the game to the players on the field or the sidelines
- ONE coach per team may provide MINIMAL instruction/correction to field players, correcting only the most obvious errors / misunderstandings
- Coaches may quietly provide instruction to players on the sidelines
- Players on the sidelines are encouraged to cheer wildly in support of the players on the field
- Players on the sidelines may not direct ANY instructive comments to players on the field
- Players on field are encouraged to provide direction, support, and instruction to one another

Referees will not enforce Silent Saturday requirements--this is the coaches' responsibility and we hope that coaches will want to participate and support the Silent Saturday goals. **All players, coaches, and parents are encouraged to enjoy soccer played in a different environment for one day!**

## SPONSORSHIPS and ADVERTISING

**Are you interested in sponsoring a CSA team, a scholarship player or advertising with CSA?** It is a great way to help the youth of Cheyenne! For individuals, organizations or businesses wishing to sponsor a team, the fee is \$225 for the fall through spring seasons. To sponsor a player, the cost is \$50 for the fall through spring seasons. CSA offers other exciting advertising opportunities including advertising with our newsletters, on our web site and at our fields. Contact Dan at 421-2417 for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering to help with our coaching, sponsorship, equipment committees or other needs CSA has. Contact CSA and help our organization and the kids