



# SALINE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION



## SASA Sidelines

December 5, 2014

[www.salinesoccer.org](http://www.salinesoccer.org)

### Important dates to remember:

- 12/19: Indoor session one ends
- 1/5: Indoor session two begins

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### A Thank You to Our Board!

As we get ready to kick off 2015, we'd like to thank the SASA Board of Directors for their time and dedication to making our club a success.

A special thank you goes to Bill Santos, our outgoing Vice President. And a big welcome (or welcome back) goes to our current board roster:

- Doug Schantz—President
- Pete Loveland—Vice-President
- Barbara Torzewski—Treasurer
- Rob Dawid—Secretary
- Steve Warren—Director of Travel Program

- Mike Warden—Director of Rec Program
- Michael Sydlowski—Director of Fields and Equipment
- Amy Lepore—Director of Community Relations
- Kelly Tomaszewski—Registrar

Without the board, our club simply wouldn't exist. If you see these people on the fields, please take the time to thank them. And please consider volunteering! Your help is needed too—in any capacity!

### Welcome, Coach Kevin and Coach Peri

We're very excited to welcome two new coaches to our travel program. Coaches Kevin Taylor and Peri Merošević both joined SASA as of our winter season and have already begun to leave their mark on our club.

Coach Kevin brings some significant cred to the field as a four year Florida ODP player, a four year starter at U of M, and a professional career that includes playing MLS for the Colorado Rapids. He's the highest scoring defender in U of M history and the first U of M player to be drafted into MLS. He's currently the head varsity coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer and has coached at other local clubs including the Michigan Tigers and MPSA Crush.

Coach Peri's resume is just as impressive! He played for the US National U15-U20 teams, U of M, FC Dallas and Toronto FC (both of which are MLS teams). He repre-

sented the US on the U20 team at the 2009 World Cup in Egypt and captained the U17 and U18 US teams. He's also a leader off the field, with multiple academic achievement awards.

We're so thrilled to welcome Coach Kevin and Coach Peri to the SASA family!



Coach Kevin



Coach Peri

## INDOOR SESSIONS

Reminder: Your travel team will play only two of the three indoor sessions. However, you will practice all three sessions!

## REFEREE CERTIFICATION

We are in the process of organizing a referee certification and recertification class for January. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting opportunity.

## SASA IS STILL CHAD TOUGH!

With the help of Coach Knox, SASA was able to give SASA player Chad Carr two signed Clint Dempsey jerseys! Our thoughts and best wishes remain with all the Carr family.

## Field Breakdown Thank Yous

We wanted to send a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help us tear down the fields at the end of the fall season. We appreciate your time! Did we forget you? We're sorry—please let us know so we can add you to this list!

Steve Trevino

Marc Huber

Jennifer Baker

Katherine Kelly

Gareth Rodgers

Laura Roughton

Niall Halloway

George Sirbu

Karen Myrand

Dave Nelson

Brian Routt

Brad Jost

## Letter from Coach Leigh Rumbold

As you may or may not know, I have accepted an offer from Team Taranaki in New Zealand to play semi-professional soccer in the city of New Plymouth and will be heading over in January.

I cannot express how much I have enjoyed coaching for SASA over the last two years. I have coached fantastic kids, formed very strong teams, worked with great coaches and made lifelong friends. I really feel like I've been accepted into this great community. I bump into people all over the place and hold lengthy conversations about my teams' progress, Michigan sports and my life in general. I have built many relationships and have even been included in playing on an indoor soccer team with parents and board members. It has meant a lot to me forming this family away from my own, which can sometimes be difficult. A particular highlight was seeing my players, their parents and friends taking the time out of their hectic schedules, traveling around the state and supporting me playing for Lansing United.

I know the kind of support that I have received over the last two years does not

exist in all of the clubs that surround Saline, and, for this, I am very grateful. I am immensely proud of what my teams and I have accomplished this fall. I truly believe they, along with our other teams, will achieve further success in the future. We are part of a great club that has a lot of players/teams with some serious talent, and it's important we keep doing things the right way to ensure they fulfill their potential. Knox has done a great job with the academy training. He makes the players and coaches feel like we are all part of a family and focuses more on individual development rather than what team you are on.

Thank you once again for all of the support and faith you have shown during my time in Saline. I really hope that once I have spent my time in New Zealand, I can return to SASA, away from Challenger, and continue to work on building the foundations of the club.

Cheers,

*Leigh*



# **SALINE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION**



## **Announcing Saline Area Soccer Association Mid-Season Tryouts**

**Saline Area Soccer Association is pleased to announce details about our mid-season tryouts for the 2014-2015 season.**

**Tryouts will take place on Friday January 9, 2015 in the newly constructed Dome at High Velocity Sports - 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton, Michigan**

**One Club, One Team, One Dream  
Building a Legacy One Player at a Time**

**Saline Area Soccer Association is pleased to offer multiple teams at all age group and are looking for a few committed players in each age group listed below to fill rosters. If a large number of players tryout in a specific age group, new teams will be created.**

**[CLICK HERE](#) to Register**

<b><u>Age Group</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Age Chart (born on or after)</u></b>
U8 Girls**	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	8/1/2006
U9 Girls	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	8/1/2005
U10 Girls**	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	8/1/2004
U11 Girls	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	8/1/2003
U12 Girls**	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	8/1/2002
U13 Girls	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	8/1/2001
U14 Girls	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	8/1/2000
U15 Girls	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	8/1/1999
U8 Boys**	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	8/1/2006
U9 Boys**	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	8/1/2005
U10 Boys	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	8/1/2004
U11 Boys	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	8/1/2003
U12 Boys	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	8/1/2002
U13 Boys	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	8/1/2001
U14 Boys	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	8/1/2000

**\*\* Multiple players may be selected in this age group**

Saline Area Soccer Association travel teams offer athletes the opportunity to develop their soccer skills in a competitive regional league environment. SASA fields up to three travel teams per gender and age group. Teams start at the U8 age group for both boys and girls. The girls teams are called the Swarm and the boys teams are called the Sting. Within a gender and age group the teams are designated as the Black, Gold, or White. The Black team is the most competitive and the Gold is the next most competitive followed by the White team

**If you have any questions about our club, travel teams, or mid-season tryouts please contact  
Director of Coaching and Player Development Knox Cameron at [knox@salinesoccer.org](mailto:knox@salinesoccer.org)**

**\*Please wear shin guards and bring a soccer ball and water to tryouts**

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# A GREAT CAUSE AND SOME GREAT FOOD



All students, players, families and friends are invited  
to participate in a **SASA** event on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

Everyone is invited to gather at Buffalo Wild Wings®,  
**YPSILANTI (216 JAMES L. HART PARKWAY)**  
for lunch, dinner and a great time! On this day, 20% of all purchases  
accompanied by this certificate will be donated to

SALINE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION


DECEMBER 10, 2014

20% of all sales at Buffalo Wild Wings®  
accompanied by this certificate will be returned to

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