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This Newsletter

Welcome to the Supporters league's first Newsletter in a few years, it has been published to pass on some of the things that's been happening in the SSFL this season., but this issue deals mostly with the Leagues website.

Most of the time it's only the officials of a club that know what's going on in the rest of the SSFL, hopefully this newsletter can be passed around your players and they can be a little more informed about the SSFL.

This newsletter may be a one off Issue or may just be available now and again, it really depends on whether there is anything newsworthy or the committee feel should be communicated to everyone, also feedback and articles, ideas and

news from the clubs would have a bearing on how often or even if it's published again, so if you have anything you think may be of interest to the rest of the SSFL or a player profile or you feel a player deserves a special mention or even if it is a gripe about something in the SSFL you don't like, send it to me and the chances are it will be published in a future newsletter or at least on the news section on the website, can I just make it clear though, nothing will be printed if it is a whinge just for the sake of it, derogatory or aimed at any individual..

I would also like to point out that English is not one of my strong points so if the spelling, grammar etc. are wrong please cut me a

bit of slack.

The newsletter will also be available to download as a PDF file from the news section of the website also.



Scottish Supporters Football League Home Page

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Special Points To Remember

- Remember to phone in your results to Sam ASAP after your game
- When sending cheques remember to write the name of your club on the back of the cheque and what it is for.
- Cheques should be made payable to the Scottish Supporters Football League.
- Remember to date and sign your cheques

League website—www.scottishsfl.net

The League website has moved for the moment to www.scottishsfl.net, Alan had done a great website at ssfl.info, but unfortunately (for us) Alan got a new job with Motherwell FC and couldn't devote the time needed to keep the website updated.

Alan used a program that I didn't have any experience with and didn't know how

to use this program so rather than go through a learning curve and the website sitting without updates I decided to use a program I had a basic idea how to work.

The new website is not fully finished yet, but the main parts are there, scores, league tables etc. on these items, can you

please make sure you get the scores, cancellations etc. to Sam ASAP.

The website includes pages for links to club websites, if your club does not have a website send us some info on your club and we will make one up for it. (A form will be included with this newsletter for you to



SSFL Club Page

SSFL Website Continued

fill in and return, it will also be available to download from the website)

We are also investigating the possibility of making available a page where clubs can pay fines, fees etc. securely through the website with Paypal or suchlike, also we are looking at ways we can raise money through the website and as such we have joined easyfundraising.org.uk and easysearch.org.uk. The way these organizations work is if you are shopping online and you click through the link on the SSFL website and use a merchant on the easyfundraising site, the

SSFL will receive up to 15% of the purchase, the other link is a search engine and if you use this search engine the SSFL will get 50% of any fees easysearch get, from advertisers.

For a better understanding of this go to the aforementioned websites through the SSFL links on our site, we have also put a couple of adverts on the site which if anyone clicks through and buys the product the SSFL will get a commission so please use these websites when you can as this could help keep the League fee costs down for the clubs if it's a

success.

We also hope to add items to the website that are useful for teams, eg: if you run out of registration forms you would be able to download another from the website, also any suggestions are welcome.

There is also a forum, so if you have anything to chat about with other teams or team mates it's there for you, like most forums it's informal, but remember, keep everything clean and within the boundaries of the forum rules

Payments

We are still having problems with teams sending in cheques without a note of the club or what the cheque is for written on the back of it, or even a note saying who it's from and what for, in fact in some cases it's actually been the name of the wife or girlfriend of the guy sending the cheque that's been on the back.

Unlike the rest of the SSFL committee who meet and talk to the different teams throughout the season at games etc. (although I have my doubts as to whether even they would know the wives and girlfriends) the treasurer no longer takes a active part in playing or running a team so he does not al-

ways know who "Joe Bloggs" is, so make your cheques clear as to who they are from and also what they are for.

Another thing to make sure is that there are enough funds in a account to cover the cheque, this season and last season there have been several occasions where cheques have been returned by the bank, not only is it inconvenient for us, but you won't be surprised to hear some of the clubs concerned and in some cases individuals got hit with bank charges meaning extra expense for that club or person, also, if it continues the SSFL committee will start placing a admin

fine on any club who has a cheque returned by the bank, meaning even more expense for the club involved, you could also find your club gets debt suspended for non payment, it's in your hands.

New Club Website

Queens Park Spiders are the latest SSFL club to have there own website and forum the links are:

Website:
<http://uk.geocities.com/qpark@btinternet.com/>

Forum:
http://s3.invisionfree.com/Queens_Park_AFC/



Make any cheques payable to the Scottish Supporteres Football League



Make sure there is enough funds in the account to cover any cheques you send in



Fundraising For The SSFL

I spoke on page 2 about fundraising through the websites

<http://easyfundraising.org.uk/ssfl>

and

<http://ssfl.easysearch.org.uk/>

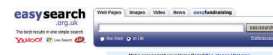
I have had the SSFL easysearch website as my homepage for two weeks now, using it for searches and even for websites I already new the addresses for and have raised 83p, not a lot, but times it by the amount of players and officials (say 250 folk) in the SSFL and you could be talking about over £200 in a two week period.

I know not everyone has access to a pc, but pass it onto friends, family colleagues and who knows the amount we could raise over

a year, especially if both sites are used by all.

With the SAFA continually adding extra insurances and fees and the cost of running the league increasing it's getting harder to keep the fees down let alone cut them as we have done in the last couple of seasons.

If the fundraising through these sights works it could go a long way to the committees aim of cutting or at the very least keeping the fees the same each season benefitting all the clubs. Players and the SSFL without it costing them a penny extra.



"Even if you know the website you are looking for use easysearch it could mean more funds for the SSFL"



"Use Easyfundraising if you are purchasing over the web"

Promotion and Relegation

Due to the demise of Clyde AFC part of the way into the season we looked to the SAFA for guidance on the promotion and relegation issues. We have received a reply back and the Promotion relegation

is as follows.

The bottom two teams from the First Division will be relegated (Clyde AFC do not count as they are no longer in existence) meaning the top three

teams from the Second Division will be promoted to the First Division, if you wish any further information or clarification drop the SSFL secretary a email.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Sparta Jags and Sandbank Rangers in reaching the final of the Inter Division Trophy, Sandbank running out winners of the trophy, but more importantly both teams and their supporters having a great day out by all accounts.

Sandbank were not the only winners on the day, the SSFL were winners also, the secretary (VMO) put a lot of work into get-

ting not only Petershill Park, but getting the use of the facilities that is normally reserved for Petershill Juniors AFC, and also some refreshments and food from Petershill Park.

We were basically on trial here regards any further bookings of this type but we didn't have to worry as both teams and their fans were praised for their behavior and conduct by the Petershill Park manage-

ment team meaning we will have the chance of getting the same setup for any future Final we wish to have at this great facility.

It was such a success that the committee have decided to try and play all our semi-finals and finals here for the foreseeable future.

I'll finish of by passing on the thanks of the committee to all involved, thank you all, you were a credit to the SSFL.



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Send completed forms to
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Or there is a copy of this form that is
available to fill in online in the Forms page of
the website
<http://www.scottishsfl.net>



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Team Information for the website

Name of Team	
Home Park	
Directions	
Home Colours	
Away Colours	
Sponsor	
Website url	
Sponsors website	
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History of team or other facts/info you wish published