

## **Welcome to Nils Liedholm Cup 2010**

**A football tournament for boys and girls aged 13 to 16 in the little coastal town of Valdemarsvik with the amazing archipelago close by**

**Nils Liedholm grew up at Grännäs in Valdemarsvik and it was there, at Grännäs football ground, his fantastic football career began. Just like many children and youths of today Nils dreamt of becoming a professional footballer, a dream that eventually came true.**

**From Waldemarsvik's IF Liedholm moved on, first to Sleipner and then to IFK Norrköping. He played 23 times in the Swedish national squad and won an olympic gold medal in 1948. In the 1958 World Cup Liedholm was skipper in the Swedish team that finished second. In 1949 he signed for AC Milan where he reached great fame together with two other prominent Swedish footballers – Gunnar Gren and Gunnar Nordahl. After having finished his professional career as a player Liedholm coached Italian football teams successfully for several years and won the Italian Premier League with both AC Milan and AC Roma.**

**Football clubs from Sweden and even Europe are invited to have their youths playing football in truly classic footballing surroundings. The recreation area of Grännäs, close to the beautiful archipelago of Valdemarsvik, will also offer other activities and possibilities, such as having a swim in the Baltic Sea, being pulled in an inflatable tyre by a boat, playing mini-golf, canoeing and mingling with new and old football friends at an outdoor disco. As hosts and organizers of this cup we will really work hard to make it an unforgettable and special occasion for all and sundry.**

**Last year's cup was a great success. The weather conditions were really nice and the joy among all people present, players, parents, officials as well as visitors, was noticeable and unmistakable. Our arrangements met with much appreciation from the participating teams, many of which talked about the best tournament they had ever experienced. All facilities are situated in the same calm and relaxing area, such as football pitches, bathing, outdoor disco and canteen and it takes only a 15-minute-walk on the pathway along the inner parts of the beautiful fjord to get to the centre of Valdemarsvik. In the morning participants are bussed to Grännäs football ground and during the day buses run regularly there and back again. All in all, we look forward to welcoming you to the cup of 2010 with great enthusiasm.**

**Carlo Liedholm, only son of Nils, attended last year's tournament and was also our guest of honour at the prize ceremony. Carlo brought a much appreciated guest with him from Italy, namely FC Milan's former football star Franco Baresi. Baresi, together with other prominent guests such as Lars – Åke Lagrell, Chairman of the Swedish Football Association, and Lennart Johansson, former President of the Uefa, were present at the unveiling of a bust in the centre of Valdemarsvik in commemoration of Nils Liedholm.**

During the cup of 2009 we were happy to have visits from Caroline Seger and Kosovare Asllani, representatives of both the first division team Linköping's FC and the Swedish women national team. The Swedish freestyle juggling champion Emil Jylhänlahti's ball tricks performance was highly appreciated by the young players. Much attention, not least from the girls, was also drawn to the boys of the two Italian teams Monferrato and Valenzana. Two representatives of SISU, a Swedish educational sport association, gave seminars on team spirit, ethics, morals and fair play, and focused also on the importance of eating nutritious food as well as refraining from alcohol, tobacco and drugs in general. The teams were given the possibility to get an appointment with SISU to discuss any of those above mentioned topics.

## Opening

The opening ceremony will take place on July 1.

## Activities

We offer a great range of activities, such as bathing, canoeing, being pulled in an inflatable tyre by a boat, partying on the beach and an awesome outdoor disco.

## Age groups

Girls aged 13  
Girls aged 14 - 15

Boys aged 13  
Boys aged 14  
Boys aged 15 - 16

*Please notice what follows:* There are new rules of exemptions from the year 2008. Nils Liedholm Cup has adjusted exemptions of age according to the competition regulations of the Swedish Football Association and the Association of the district of Östergötland. Exemptions of age are applied for to the associations respectively and are brought to the cup. No over – age players are allowed to participate without exemptions approved of.

## Matches

Every team is guaranteed at least five matches in the tournament. In the playoff a winning team must be appointed, if necessary by a penalty shoot-out ( 5 penalty kicks a team ) directly after the match has ended. The matches, both in the groups and the playoffs, are played 2 x 25 minutes.

All the matches are played on turf except at bad weather conditions when gravel pitches will be used.

## Rules and regulations

The matches will be played according to the regulations established by the Fifa and the Swedish Football Association for eleven-aside-football.

A player is allowed to play in more than one team belonging to the the club he / she represents, but merely one team in the same age group.

**The players must be registered for the club they represent in the tournament.**

**16 players are allowed to take part in a match but there is no limit to the number of players entered for the tournament.**

**More information is available at [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com) and [www.svenskfotboll.se](http://www.svenskfotboll.se).**

### **Accommodation and food**

**The teams will be accommodated in schools in the neighbourhood of Grännäs football ground. The players will be transported by bus from the lodging place to the football ground according to a special time table. Bring a sleeping roll, a sleeping bag and a pillow.**

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack will be served, consisting of nutritious and varied food. In the area of the football grounds there will be a kiosk with shopping facilities at good prices.**

**Participation fees ( *must be registered with us not later than May 1, 2010* )**

**The fee is 995 SEK per player. Included in the fee is: full board and lodging ( 3 nights, breakfast, lunch, dinner, evening snack ), admission to beach party and outdoor disco as well as access to canoes, beach volleyball and sea activities.**

**Two leaders per team are free of charge. The charge for extra leaders is 995 SEK per person.**

**A list of participating players must be sent in as soon as possible after payment of participation fees have been made, on June 1, 2010 at the latest.**

### **Registration and registration fee**

**Registration: Click on “registration” on our homepage and follow the instructions. After having received your application we will send you a receipt for your application followed, within a day or two, by a confirmation from us of your entry to Nils Liedholm Cup.**

**The registration fee is 1500 SEK per team. Programme with specified times will be dispatched after May 15, 2010.**

**We received a lot of bookings immediately after the cup tournament in 2009 why we recommend registration as early as possible to ensure an entry to the tournament in 2010.**

**Payment is made to bank account BG 5088 – 0350. Payment from other countries than Sweden is transferred to our bank, Valdemarsviks Sparbank.**

**The maximum number of teams is 40 and priority will be given to clubs that were early to send in both registration and registration fees. *Please observe that clubs are not formally admitted to the cup until the participation fee is registered with us. Paid fees are not refundable. We reserve the right to cancel bookings of clubs that have not paid***

*registration fees at the latest on May 1, 2010 and instead admit other clubs having shown their interest.*

#### **Quotation from letter of reference**

**“Grännäs football ground, what an amazing place, what an environment for a football camp! I must try to make my club have a training camp on this spot.”**

**Caroline Seger, Linköping’s Football Club and also national player in the Swedish women team.**

#### **Information**

**If further information is required, please enter our website [www.nilsliedholmcup.se](http://www.nilsliedholmcup.se) or send a mail to [info@nilsliedholmcup.se](mailto:info@nilsliedholmcup.se). or contact Lars – Yngve Hallgren at our office, telephone +46 12351770, daily between 10 a m and 2 p m.**

#### **Accommodation for relatives**

**Valdemarsviks Camping, + 46 12351444 or [www.tjustfritid.se](http://www.tjustfritid.se)**

**The tourist agency of Valdemarsvik, +4612312200**

**Make your bookings as early as possible!**