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President's Letter

We're in the home stretch of the 2010-2011 soccer season! It's been a good one with continued strength in our soccer programs, new alliances and a recognition of challenges ahead to our operations.

We met our mission – to provide a place for Rochester area soccer players of ALL abilities to develop soccer skills, advance physical fitness and grow as citizens.

The recreational program, RYSL, maintained its player base in the vicinity of 1,800 children for both the spring and fall seasons, while the competitive travel teams of RSC fielded 45 teams in the Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) and Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP).

Coach Gordon "sold out" the Development League that bridges RYSL and RSC with professional coaches and a structured skills curriculum. Coach Carol filled up Rochester High Stadium every Sunday afternoon with smiling Micro players (3 and 4 year olds!!). Her high school age assistants love the energy and pour that into the TOPS program for less-abled players.

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One of the most common questions asked is, "Can my child join the RYSL? He/she has never played before." The answer is YES! RYSL strives to provide a place for everyone to play soccer,

from the beginning player to the experienced player, from 3 years old to 18 years old!

Micro Program (U4 & U5)

Three and four year olds (U4 & U5) start out in the Micro program. Micro soccer meets once a week, on Sundays for one hour. The first 30 minutes is the practice and the second 30 minutes is the game. Players receive a team t-shirt which helps them identify their teammates and coach.

Recreational League (RYSL – U6 – U14)

U6 through U14 players participate in the traditional RYSL model, one practice a week and one game a week. They wear the RYSL uniform and play other RYSL teams. In addition, U13/14 players also play teams from other area leagues.

RYSL Co-Ed League (ages – 15, 16 & 17)

Aged out of the traditional RYSL league but still want to play soccer? We now offer a 15/16/17 co-ed league for players who enjoy playing soccer and want to continue playing in high school.

These teams are co-ed, they practice once during the week and play games throughout the season. We have had two RYSL co-ed teams for the last several seasons. They play each other, as well as teams from surrounding areas.



About RYSL Recreational League

Rochester Youth Soccer League's recreational league emphasizes participation, skills development, teamwork and fun. Small-sided games are used to reduce the number of players on the field at one time and increase the player's chances of touching the ball. This promotes the development of a younger player's soccer technique (individual and team skills) before teaching tactics.

A comment from our recent survey sums up what the league is all about:
"Volunteer coach was excellent. My son loves the sport. It is excellent exercise. The team atmosphere is helping develop his confidence. He likes playing with his friends and making new friends."

RYSL Summer Camps

RYSL Summer Instructional Camps provide all players ages 3-12 years old with individual soccer skill activities and lots of age specific soccer games. All sessions key on player development in a low stress, fun-filled environment. Instruction consists of a highly personalized curriculum in an enjoyable, yet challenging environment.

When: 6/20-6/24, 7/6-7/8*, 7/11-7/15, 7/18-7/22, 7/25-7/29

*Week of 7/6 is a 3 day camp due to the 4th of July holiday

Time: 9:30am-11:00am, Monday-Friday

Cost: \$80 per week. (*50 for week of 7/6)

All campers will receive an RYSL summer camp t-shirt

To register: Register on-line at www.rysl.com.

Things to bring: soccer cleats, soccer clothing, soccer ball, shin guards and water.

Rochester Soccer Developmental League

The RSDL or “the D league” as it’s affectionately known, provides players with first class training and nationally licensed coaches, with less of the time, travel and financial commitments of travel soccer. The RSDL is available for boys and girls in the U7, U8, U9 and U10 age groups.

The RSDL has been consistent in its format with 2 practices a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and a game each Saturday morning – all at Borden Park. RSDL coaches are nationally licensed coaches and the curriculum is designed by the Directors of RSC. Teams are formed after a player evaluation day. The goal is to form teams that will be competitive with each other, resulting in game situations that challenge all players and lead to additional teaching opportunities in game strategy.

There are three RSDL seasons – Fall & Spring outdoor seasons and an indoor season. Each season has a separate registration allowing players greater flexibility.

The RSDL is open to all players ages U7-U10 from all communities. Registration for the Fall 2011 RSDL season will open June 20, 2011.



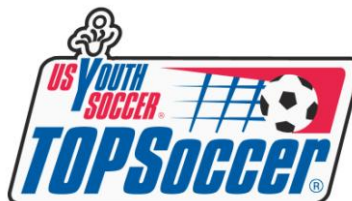
**RYSL & RSDL FALL 2011
REGISTRATION
OPENS June 20, 2011!**



The Fall season will begin after Labor Day and ends October 30th.

Register on-line at www.rysl.com. Registration for RYSL will close July 29, 2011. Late registration will be accepted until the age group is maximized with a \$10 per player late fee.

Age groups will close when they reach capacity. Register early to avoid disappointment!



RYSL TOPSoccer

RYSL is proud to continue to offer TOPSoccer, a program for young people with disabilities to learn soccer and other skills in a caring coaching environment.

Please visit our website at www.rysl.com for information on TOPSoccer and to register for the Fall session which will begin in September.

What is the Rochester Soccer Club?

The RSC is one of the state's most successful community-based soccer clubs. The coaching staff is one of the most qualified. The RSC boasts more national licensed coaches than any other community-based club in the state. The RSC offers playing opportunities for players ages 7-19 years old at all levels including Premier, Select, and Developmental leagues. Most RSC premier level teams play at the highest level of play in the state and region.

Year-round training and playing opportunities with professional coaches.

Travel soccer is comprised of two outdoor seasons, fall and spring. The fall season begins in August and continues through October. The spring season begins in April and continues through June. During these seasons RSC teams generally train two times a week, for an hour and a half each training session. Outdoor seasons usually include one or two games each week. RSC teams will also participate in competitive tournaments during these seasons. Tournament participation varies from team to team. Tournaments are local as well as out of state. RSC teams typically participate in two to three tournaments a year. Travel teams also participate in indoor soccer. Teams usually train one time a week and play one game a week during the indoor season. The RSC provides year-round technical, tactical and functional training (including goalkeeper) opportunities for all its players. Speed, agility and quickness programs are also available through the RSC.



Competitive Costs

RSC team costs are very competitive with other travel clubs. Costs to play travel soccer vary from team to team based on the activity of the team. Costs will include fees for a professional coach, outdoor and indoor field rentals, tournaments, team camps and uniform costs. At tryouts, the RSC will provide a Team Information Sheet specifically outlining the costs of team participation.



Jessica DeClercq from RSC & the Olympic Development Program!

Travel Obligations

All RSC teams train in the Rochester Hills area. Games for younger RSC teams will generally be in the North Oakland County area. Home games will be at Borden or Spencer Parks. Most away games will be within the Metro Detroit area. Older teams will travel further distances. Tournament travel destinations will vary from team to team.

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RSC Tryouts for the 2010/2011 Season will be held on June 18th & 19th at Borden Park. See pgs 6 & 7 for more information.

Identifying The Elite Player

By Mark Hamilton,
RSC/RYSL Director of Coaching

There are many components that make up the “elite” level player. Each position calls for different abilities. While some players have good technical skill, others have speed, and still others can knock a long ball or are good in the air. Is it any one thing that makes a player elite? The answer of course is, yes...and no! While some players have impressed coaches by doing one or two things better than their peers do, other players may be good over a wide range of abilities. The key component for all players is the ability to control the ball and be comfortable with it when in possession. This is the first thing a coach should look for when evaluating talent.

Choosing players for any team is a question of balance. Coaches must try to blend the consistent and the brilliant. The following is a list of terms that identify what coaches should be looking for in elite level players. While each coach has his own preferences in looking for talent, these components should be considered in selecting players.

Touch on the ball: Does the player have control over the ball with both feet? Can he/she make the ball do what he/she wants while in possession? Does the player look comfortable with the ball under pressure?

Balance: Is the player in control of his/her body? Is the player able to change direction in a controlled manner with the ball?

Technical Speed: How fast does the player control the ball and play it? Does the player have the ability to use their skills quickly?

Physical Speed: Is the player fast? Does the player have enough speed to be effective without being exploited by opponents?

Size and Strength: Is the player physically able to play with bigger opponents? Is the player’s size the reason for his/her success (especially at younger ages)?

Coachability: Can the player carry out a directive from the coach? While many young players are tactically weak, a good player will be coachable, and therefore will have the ability to develop good habits.

Workrate: Is the player willing to push himself/herself to the limits? Does the player attack and defend?

Awareness: Does the player see good opportunities to pass/dribble/shoot? Does the player have vision of what’s happening on the field or does he/she make the game difficult?

Reaction to Failure: How does the player respond to a bad call or mistake? Does failure result in a drop in performance?

Leadership Qualities: Does the player communicate to others? Does he/she demand the ball? Will they take charge when the game is on the line?





RSC Tryouts

2011/2012

Borden Park

June 18th and 19th

Founded in 1978, *Rochester Soccer Club* offers elite playing opportunities for boys and girls ages 7-19 years old. Our Premier teams compete in the most competitive leagues the state and region have to offer.

For our players we can offer the following and much, much more:

- Winter training at Ultimate Soccer Arena.
- Year-round club sponsored technical training.
- Year-round club sponsored goalkeeper training.
- Year-round club sponsored SAQ training.
- First-class game and training facilities including three 11 v 11 sports turf fields.
- The RSC 'street soccer' provides intra-club game opportunities to better develop our younger players.

Director of Coaching - Mark Hamilton



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MSYSA Instructional Staff Coach
USYSA National Youth License Coach

RSC Technical Director - Jeff Shuk



USSF A License
USYSA National Youth License Coach
MSYSA Instructional Staff Coach
USSF Goalkeeping License
Boys ODP Staff Coach

RSDL Director - Gordon Gardiner



UEFA B License
Oakland University Assistant Coach
Former Youth Coach with Leeds United



For more information please visit
WWW.RYSL.COM
Or call the
RSC Office 248 650 0113

BOYS PLAYERS SHOULD ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS

AGE	June 18 & 19	COACH	PHONE
U8	9:00 AM	James Renton	248 321 3020
U9	9:00 AM	Gordon Gardiner Mark Goro	248 390 9163 248 990 3125
U10	11:00 AM	Chris Pliakos Taiser Hassan	248 736 2557 586 718 4565
U11	9:00 AM	Will Kidder	248 515 1111
U12	11:00 AM	Tati Errecalde Gordon Gardiner	248 952 9595 248 390 9163
U13	11:00 AM	Mark Hamilton James Renton Mark Goro	586-281-3329 248 321 3020 248 990 3125
U14	3:00 PM	Goran Kljaic	248 535 0258
U15	11:00 AM	Jeff Shuk Dave Morgan Brian Fitzgerald	313 505 7693 313 580 3467 248 894 0311
U16	1:00 PM	Jeff Shuk Brian Fitzgerald	313 505 7693 248 894 0311
U17	9:00 AM	Tom Cardinal John Park	248 652 9170 586 556 5693
U18	1:00 PM	Brian Fitzgerald	248 894 0311



**After Tryouts
come cheer on
the Michigan
Bucks at Borden
Park!**



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GIRLS PLAYERS SHOULD ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS

AGE	June 18 & 19	COACH	PHONE
U8	9:00 AM	Jeff Shuk	313 505 7693
U9	11:00 AM	Andrew Ritchie	248 496 8258
U10	9:00 AM	Jamie Whitehead	810 845 4528
U11	1:00 PM	Chris Hall Andrew Ritchie	810 814 4536 248 496 8258
U12	11:00 AM	Goran Kljaic Dave Morgan	248 535 0258 313 580 3467
U13	1:00 PM	Gordon Gardiner Mark Hamilton Taiser Hassan	248 390 9163 586 281 3329 586 718 4565
U14	9:00 AM	Tati Errecalde Goran Kljaic	248 952 9595 248 535 0258
U15	11:00 AM	Joe Carolan	248 495 8927
U16	1:00 PM	James Renton Tati Errecalde Goran Kljaic	248 321 3020 248 952 9595 248 535 0258
U17	3:00 PM	Gordon Gardiner Gianluigi Molteni	248 390 9163 248 459 6532
U18	3:00 PM	Jeff Shuk Taiser Hassan	313 505 7693 586 718 4565

**Rochester Soccer Club
will be hosting the
Michigan Bucks vs
Hamilton FC soccer
game at Borden Park @
5pm on Saturday, June
18, 2011.**

**More information can
be found on our web site
www.rysl.com.**

**TRYOUT MAKE UP DAY
BORDEN PARK JUNE 21st Field #1 6:00-8:00pm**

2nd Annual Rochester Soccer Golf Outing

The 2nd Annual Rochester Soccer Golf Outing was held on Friday, May 13th at Twin Lakes Golf Club. The weather was great (we even saw the sun!), the golfers were fantastic (two teams at under 14 and a one at under 12), the raffle prizes were plentiful and everyone had a good time with old and new friends!

This year we doubled our golfers and we added a large prize raffle – tickets were sold in the weeks leading up to the event for \$5 each. The prizes were a 32” HDTV, XBox with Kinect, and an Apple iPad. In addition, we had a door prize raffle for golfers and the non-golfers who joined us for dinner. Many of our golfers walked away winners and all of our large prize raffle winners were ecstatic!

Funds raised at the golf outing are used to provide financial assistance to RYSL, RSDL and RSC players who would not be able to play soccer without financial assistance.

Special thanks goes to everyone who came out and golfed, our hole sponsors, and donators. Also, an extra round of applause to Coach Chris and Coach James who headed the effort, Jenifer White for bringing in the raffle prizes, Gordon Gardiner for producing the program, and the RYSL office staff for pitching in where needed.

We look forward to next year’s golf outing being bigger and better. Hope to see you there!



Sean Wilson & Coach Chris Hall take a break from golfing to pose for the camera!

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Giving back to our global community



Our club recently joined forces with Provide, Inc. and the Naseef family to provide soccer balls to children in underprivileged areas, both in the United States and overseas.

Our storage shed was being overrun with lost and found balls – some had been unclaimed for over five years! Lori saw our abundance and approached us with her idea – get those balls into the hands of kids that would never have a soccer ball otherwise. Provide, Inc.'s program, Ball and a Buck 2, collects the balls, cleans them up with the help of preschoolers at Oakland Christian School, and confirms the ball doesn't have any leaks. Then, they get them in the hands of those serving in the armed forces and people heading out on mission trips.

“The great thing about a soccer ball is you can give one ball to a village and all of the kids can play. One soccer ball can make a huge impact.”

Your club donated over 200 soccer balls and those balls have already made it to Haiti, Peru, Afghanistan and Iraq!



Ball and a Buck 2 Trip #2:

Giving back to our local Community



The best part of being a nonprofit organization is being able to not only continually invest in our soccer players, but also to give back to our own community. This past year was a great year for us to reach out to those who needed a hand up.

Here are some highlights of our donations:

Our club sponsored six college scholarships to former RYSL/RSC players going on to university.

Our club helped several RYSL and RSC families with “soccer scholarships” in face of economic hardship.

Our club paid \$60k in field fees that help our schools' budgets.

Our club contributed another \$60k to the Local Parks in regular fees and made a special donation of \$20k to repair and build fields.

Our club also funneled \$50k back to the economy with referee fees too.

Our club donated over 200 soccer balls to “Ball and a Buck” which were distributed to children in needy communities around the world.

Our club donated 7 bags of shoes, 6 bags of uniforms and 10 Soccer balls to the local Hispanic Outreach program to help them build a youth soccer program.

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Challenges addressed

Our indoor programs took a major step forward in quality by moving to the Ultimate Soccer Arena. Your Board took on a partnership with Ultimate that allows Rochester soccer players first choice in assignment of practices and competitive leagues. The venue lives up to its name "Ultimate" with great playing surfaces, outstanding amenities, food/drink services and a common gathering place for our soccer community during the colder weather (which may end by July!).

Cost pressures are in front of us due in part to the budget issues at Rochester schools and Rochester Hills parks. Field rental costs increased significantly as a way to raise money. This is our major cost driver, and increases here make for hard choices in program offerings (sharing fields, shortening programs, etc.) and in our pricing.

However, access to quality fields is NOT something our leadership team is ready to sacrifice. Our legacy as a nonprofit organization gains priority to reserve the quality fields at Borden. Yes, the fact that rangers close them to preserve playability is a pain, but it works. Our 2009/10 donation to the parks has improved drainage there, and cancellations have been fewer.

Field access WILL be a problem throughout the city. More demands on our school fields from growing sports will pinch our traditional way of operating. A good example is the addition of five lacrosse teams at Adams High School that has knocked many of the practice fields out for availability most nights. A RYSL Board committee has made serious bids on local properties to acquire land and develop a large field turf facility. This will permit common training sites throughout the weekdays, "guaranteed" games without rainouts for key matches, and extend our outdoor playing season.

We will need to rally our community of parents and business owners as this comes closer to fruition. Assistance in kind and support will be needed.

Golf Outing

We're not always serious, and we had a fun time raising money for our scholarship program. The second annual RYSL golf outing generated several thousand dollars to help RYSL, RSDL, and RSC players afford a chance to play. We're still in tough economic times, and having a chance to play soccer is welcome by those especially affected.

Parent Survey

Our programs and operations are not perfect, but we try hard and we're willing to listen. We'll be sending a feedback survey to families at season end to gauge what brings people back to RYSL and what we can do better. Please use that survey or contact us if you have additional ideas on how we can promote our sport.

See you on the field!



We couldn't be the great organization that we are without our volunteers. Board members, program volunteers, RYSL coaches and RSC team managers donate their time and talents to help us be the best soccer club around! **THANK YOU!**

RYSL’s Finest Players to Compete in Annual “All Star Games”

Some of the RYSL’s finest players will be invited to compete in our tenth annual RYSL All Star Games. Coaches from our boys and girls U7-U12 age groups will choose a select number of players to participate in the games. Players from each age group will then be divided into teams to compete against each other.

According to RYSL/RSC Director of Coaching, Mark Hamilton, the purpose of the games is to provide some of the League’s most talented players an opportunity to play together. Coach Hamilton acknowledged that the job of selecting players would be a very difficult one for our coaches. “There are a lot of outstanding players in the RYSL,” he said. “It will be a very difficult job for coaches to choose only a few players to play in the All Star Games.” Coach Hamilton stressed that all RYSL players deserve praise for their outstanding work during the season.

Because RYSL teams are formed geographically and not on a player’s ability, there is sometimes disparity in the level of play between between teams. The All-Star Games provide an environment in which similarly talented players can compete against each other in a highly competitive environment. Coach Hamilton also noted that the games would help provide coaches from The Rochester Soccer Club (RSC) a showcase for identifying potential RSC premier players.

The games will be coached by RSC coaches and are held at Borden Park East and Spencer Park. Girls games will begin at 6:00 pm and boys games will begin at 7:30pm. See the schedule below for game locations, day, and age groups.

Age Group	Date	Field Location
U7	June 6	Borden #6-9
U8	June 8	Borden #6-9
U9	June 1 st	Spencer #1-2
U10	June 13th	Spencer #1-2
U11/12	June 15th	Borden #10

Inaugural RYSL Soccer Tournament

Our club is pleased to announce that we are having an end-of-season 'in-house' tournament. While we promote a FUN season with no scores or stats, this end-of-season tournament will give your teams a FUN but more competitive environment. Each team is guaranteed three games, with the top two teams in each age group advancing to a final game. The tournament will be held at Ultimate Soccer Arena on June 25th and 26th and is open to all spring RYSL teams ages U7– U12.

Not playing in the tournament? Come on out and cheer on the teams!



RSC Team Success

RSC teams continue to find success on the game field and at tournaments. Teams' successes are highlighted on our Facebook page. "Like" us on Facebook and be kept up-to-date on all of the RSC team happenings! This spring we had two teams reach the State Cup Quarter Finals. We are very proud of them. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they competed against the best teams in the state! Congratulations to:

- RSC Lightning 98 White girls – coached by Tati Errecalde
- RSC Lightning 97 White boys – coached by Jeff Shuk

WAY TO GO!

RSC Men's Team

Last summer saw the best yet for the RSC men's team. In the top division of the MUSL, the RSC team finished in **1st place** with a record of 6-1-1. The men were also successful in retaining the RARA Men's league title for the **4th consecutive year**. Both trophies are now proudly on display in the club office.

The RSC Men's team consists of RSC coaches, former RSC players and other local talent. With the success the team continues to find, the tryouts are becoming more and more competitive each year. Come check out the Men's team this summer at Borden Park and see your favorite coaches and former RSC players playing!! RSC Men's team schedule is available on the RYSL website.



RSC College Night

Thanks to Oakland University Women's Varsity Coach Nick O'Shea for coming to speak to players and families about playing soccer in college. The presentation focused on effectively aiding players in preparing their search for a college soccer program, as well as how best to expose interested players to college coaches. Good luck to all of our college hopefuls! We hope to see you on the fields in the years to come!

Congratulations to the following RSC players who will embark on their college soccer career in the fall:

<u>RSC Player</u>	<u>College</u>
Alyssa Wesley	Grand Valley State University
Kelsey Young	Sienna Heights
Sara Sikorski	Ferris State
Tiffany Marcheuka	Hiram (Ohio)
Elizabeth Baylerian	Northwood University

GOOD LUCK!

RYSL SCHOLARSHIPS

RYSL & RSC are proud to have donated six scholarships to graduating seniors in 2011. The scholarships are administered through the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester. Six \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors with two recipients from each of the Rochester High Schools. The students are chosen based on their involvement with the RYSL/RSC and their involvement with soccer in the future—through playing or continuing to coach. Congratulations to the following students who received a scholarship. We wish them good luck next year!



Congratulations to the 2011 RYSL Scholarship Recipients (from left to right) Austin Trethewey, Matthew Goethals, Cameron Casey, Emma Guschewski, Sara Sikorski and Macy Houghtlin.

Important Dates:

Date	Time	Event	Location
June 1- June 15	Varies	RYSL All-Star Games	See pg. 11 for information
June 11 & 12	Varies	RYSL season ends	Varies
June 12	Varies	TOPSoccer & Micro (U4/5) – Last day of spring season	Rochester High School
June 18 & 19	All Day	RSC Tryouts	See pg. 7 for try-out schedule
June 18	5:00 pm	Michigan Bucks vs Hamilton FC	Borden Park Field #1
June 20	9:00 am	RYSL & RSDL Fall 2011 Registration opens	www.rysl.com
June 25 & 26	All Day	RYSL Tournament	Ultimate Soccer Arena
June & July	9:30 am-11:00 am	RYSL Soccer Camp	See pg. 2 for information



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Rochester Soccer Club Tryouts

June 18th & 19th

Borden Park – Rochester Hills, MI

See inside for details

Fall 2011 RYSL & RSDL Outdoor Soccer

Registration opens June 20th, 2011!

Mark your calendar for June 20, 2011 and be one of the first to register on-line for the fall soccer season at www.rysl.com