



Summer 2022- 6/30

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

- July 21 – Board of Director’s Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin’s
August 18 - Board of Director’s Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin’s
Sept. 10-11 – Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament
Sept 15 - Board of Director’s Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin’s

President’s Message

Dear Members,

We are a 100% Volunteer Run Organization. Without the volunteer hours put in by the coaches, managers and board members, there would be no club. I thank them all for their Time and Efforts. We are always looking for volunteers to help the club.

With that being said, I want to Thank Anthony Jones for his years as Webmaster. Anthony transformed our website into the one we currently have. His efforts are greatly appreciated, as he has decided to retire from the Board.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for approving the following 2 appointments to the Board

- Dennis Espinosa – Travel Head Coach: This position has been vacant for a few years, and I believe Dennis will be a great addition to our Travel Side of the Club. Dennis has been a Travel Coach for many years and is well respected.
- Jimmy Opitz – Webmaster: Jimmy is an assistant travel coach and has been the backbone of our Field Building Crew for the tournament. The Board looks forward to working with Jimmy for years to come.

The 41st Annual Fall Classic Travel Tournament is set for September 10-11, to kick off the 2022 Fall Season. Every Travel Parent will be required to volunteer that weekend, as this is our main and largest fundraiser for the entire club.

Team assignments will be issued by early August. In addition, each travel team U-14 and below will play that weekend; 2 games on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. We do not know if we will be able to do concessions or will hire a vendor yet, as we are in search of refrigerated trucks. Apparently, the national shortage of refrigerated trucks is ongoing. Ryder sold off most of their trucks during the pandemic and are still trying to

build back their fleet. If you know where we can rent a refrigerated truck for the tournament weekend, please reach out to me before our next tournament meeting on 7/6/22.

Travel parents will be volunteering for the following, with teams assigned to:

- Parking Attendants
- Set Up
- Field Marshals
- Concessions (Possibly) and/or Pepsi Sales
- Field Clean Up

If you have any questions, please contact me at mw.majorczak@gmail.com

See you on the pitch,
Mike Majorczak, President and Tournament Director

Recreational Soccer News

Registration is currently open and will be open till 8/31. Please register earlier than that though because some programs will sell out. Our kindergarten to 5th graders will have one training session during the week and will play a game on Saturday morning. We are looking for volunteers to assist on Saturday morning with the games.

This is a great opportunity to get involved with Soccer and to start working towards growing a team that continue over the years. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall season and look to continue to grow and improve our program.

Please enjoy your summer!!



Recreational Soccer

Travel News

Thanks to all the coaches and parents for a pleasurable spring season.

The travel VP's have been working with team formations since the mid-May tryouts and we believe have been very successful. The travel VP's have worked diligently trying to place all players.



Congratulations

The following teams had successful records this spring:

PSC 13 Chelsea 7-2-1, Flight 4, 2nd place
PSC 12 Santos 7-1-2, Flight 7, Flight Winner
PSC 11 Cosmos 5-5-0, Flight 6, 3rd place (tie)
PSC 10 Eintracht 3-6-0, Flight 2, 4th place
PSC 10 Dash 2-2-1, SYSL playing up in U13, 4th place
PSC 09 Dortmund 9-0-1, Flight 2, Flight Winner
PSC 08 Man United 6-3-1, Flight 3, 2nd place
PSC 06 Barcelona 2-6-3, Flight 1, 3rd place (tie)

TOPSoccer Program

The TOPSoccer program enjoyed its second successful season this spring. TOPSoccer is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities. We are looking for volunteer Coaches and Buddies. The program will run Saturday mornings beginning in September for 8 weeks at New Market Field in Piscataway. If you are interested in being a coach, buddy, or player, please contact Yasmeen Rasheed-Ash registerpwaysoccer@gmail.com (NJYS New Jersey Youth Soccer League TOPSoccer Volunteer of the year in 2021). If you know any families that may benefit from this program, please let them know to contact Yasmeen.



TOPSoccer Program

Ted Dewys Scholarship Winner



Ted DeWys was a very active member in youth soccer within New Jersey in 1990's and early 00's.

Ted was the head referee and referee assignor for the Piscataway Soccer Club (PSC). Ted not only was a referee, but he was a mentor to many of the young referees within our club. He would work with them during the games and helped to improve their confidence and ability to work future games.

Ted passed away in 2004, but we continue to honor him for his guidance, dedication, and hard work by providing a partial college scholarship to the young men and women who have also worked hard in our club as referees.

Ted's Grandson Damien is now Playing in the Club! The Circle of Life. Ted's Family made a donation to increase the Scholarship this year.

This year the Ted DeWys Scholarship award was presented to **David Johnson**, who has been reffing with the club since 2016! David plans to major in Computer Science. In reflecting on his years as a referee, David offered that his experience as a referee has been great! He also learned how to confront those types of situations and stand his ground with adult coaches not exhibiting sportsmanship. Great thoughts and Congratulations David! Good luck in school.



2022 Piscataway Soccer Club Summer Camps

Dear PSC Member,

Are you ready for some fun in the sun? Our training provider United Soccer Academy offers a variety of different camps and class options for the Piscataway Soccer Club throughout the summer to help you beat the heat right at Green Acres. Please visit their website at

<https://usasportgroup.com/orgs/?oid=736>

PSC Soccer Tournament

Save the Date



The 41st Annual Fall Classic Travel Soccer Tournament will be held on **September 10-11, 2022**, at Green Acres. Last year we had 189 teams attend and are hoping for more. All Piscataway Travel Teams have been signed up to play at no cost for those teams U8 to U14. There are so many tasks to be done and without the parents it won't happen.

We could always use more volunteers on the committee, so if you are interested, please email Mike Majorczak at mw.majorczak@gmail.com.

As far as duties for the travel teams, **all parents of travel players** are required to put in shifts for each child they have on a travel team (1-child=1-shift, 2 children=2-shifts, etc.), **so leave that weekend booked for soccer!** If you cannot participate, then you will need to obtain a replacement person to fill your spot to avoid the penalties as decided by the committee

Mike Majorczak our Tournament Director is always looking for members to volunteer to be part of the Tournament Committee, so if interested please email him.



Picture of some of the 21 fields of the PSC Fall Classic Soccer Tournament at Green Acres

New FUTURES Program



PSC had great success with its inaugural Futures Program this past year. This past year, young PSC boys and girls trained twice a week with USA trainers and then played in Saturday morning Festivals, which involved playing against teams from nearby clubs (ex: Franklin, Edison, etc.). These players will become the core of the new Fall Travel teams. If you are interested in joining the next group, and your player was born in 2016-2015 (and 2014 girls), look to register them in the Fall Futures program.

Questions? Send email to Coach Chuck at PSC.soccer.coach@gmail.com

NJYS Respect Campaign

As you may have seen in the news, there have been reprehensible acts of violence by Youth Sport coaches. In a recent case, **a baseball coach of a 12 and under team broke the jaw of a 70-year-old referee**, and the parents were saying he deserved it!

It goes against all rational. Players can develop into great players or players that just enjoy playing with respectful coaches and parents so lets all set a good example. Maybe based on the recent events the NJ Youth Soccer league sent out a reminder: *We again draw your attention to the NJYS Respect Campaign and encourage participation ([click here](#) for coverage from NBC). We know there are conduct issues, but we also know there are many examples of players, coaches and teams doing great things and deserve equal, if not more, attention.*

That said, we invite you to celebrate the efforts of the Ocean Township 10U Girls Surge team, winners of the April Respect Campaign. [Click here](#) to read our official announcement about their achievement. Also on that webpage, we encourage you to watch a congratulatory video from Paige Monaghan of Gotham FC and Nathan Harriel of the Philadelphia Union. Second, we encourage you to lead by example and help us collect and recognize

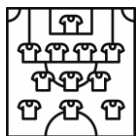
more of these great stories occurring in our communities and on the field. It could be as simple as a player or coach helping a referee by signaling an offside on your own team. [Click here](#) to submit a Respect Ambassador nomination.

Thank you for your continued support of youth soccer.

Evan Dabby

NJYS Executive Director

Wanted – Team of the Week Coordinator



Want to be part of PSC, but are worried that you can't commit the time **AT THE FIELD**? Then consider this opportunity. The club is looking for an individual that can build a "PSC team of the week" list of players, which will be published on the club's social media. The player names will be nominated by coaches from all our teams, at the end of each week, based on player performances at practice and games. Your job will be to organize the list each week. The Position starts this Fall season. Contact Coaches [Chuck](#) or [Jeff](#) if you are interested – Pretty Please!!!!.

Wanted - Equipment & Maintenance Coordinator



Want to be part of our soccer club experience? Volunteer to help keep our club's equipment maintained. We have a large investment of goals, (in 5 different sizes), nets, net accessories, club cars, field paint machines, benches, tents, etc. We need an updated inventory, identify what things need to be repaired, goals need to be moved, and identify how many nets need to be reordered. Reach out to coach [Chuck](#) or [Jeff](#) if interested.

Field Usage News

For teams training this summer, please stay off field game areas. When fields are painted for the tournament starting in August, please stay off.

Witherspoon and New Market are closed for the season to any practice. We need to let those fields rest. As always, please do not practice on game fields.

Do not use the fields at Quibbletown or Schor, as they are not for PSC use.

Coach Appreciation Night



Coaches and assistant coaches from 12 of our club teams, along with board members, gathered to celebrate the end of the Spring season on Wed 6/15. This was a rare chance for our coaching staffs to share experiences and learn from one another. There were numerous topics discussed including: Discussions with parents on sideline behavior, how to stop referee abuse, Good game reports to parents, Coaching requirements/ education, PSC team formation path (from 5v5 to 7v7 to 9v9 to 11v11), TeamSnap is your friend, the club's upcoming Fall Classic Tournament, 2022 Spring Season Club success (we played 125 game, or 94% of all scheduled games). Also discussed and planned for the future..., a pre-fall zoom call with all parents in the club.

Local Girl Honored



Gabby Freeman is currently a U16 soccer player. Some of you may know her, as she lives in Piscataway with her family.

She started off her soccer career playing on the Piscataway SC all-girls team, the PSC 06 Mayhem, back in the fall of 2014. The girls had a lot of fun, and I was fortunate to help coach the team for a while. Fast forward to today! After a lot of hard work on her part, she has been recognized as one of the top players in the *US Youth Soccer National League!* You can find her honored [HERE](#) under U16 Girls. Congratulations Gabby, we are all proud of you! – Coach Chuck.

Background Checks

As a requirement for coaching with the club, all coaches are required to have a background check as part of the coaching approval process through NJYS. This will be done through the carding process and all coaches will receive or should have received instructions. Team managers are also required to have a background check.

Coach Education



NJ Youth Soccer has recently posted minimum coaching certification guidelines. US Youth Soccer provides specific educational certifications to coach different aged players. This supports the idea that youth players deserve to have experienced, licensed, quality coaches, educated with a player-centered philosophy. The PSC supports this guideline and will work with our coaches to obtain the proper certifications. For more information, [click here](#).



Travel Coaches taking CPR Trainings

Reffing Info

Interested in reffing or having your child ref traveling games? Go to www.mnjysa.org or www.njrefs.com and look for referee course information. Any new prospective ref needs to sign up for a new referee class for one day and then attend an on the field class on another day. Grade 9,8, and 7 refs will all be known as Grassroots refs. New refs can now start this process at 13 now.

The Grassroots Referee Course is now available online for those who are interested in taking the first step to become a soccer referee. [Learn more](#).

However, if you have done traveling soccer and know the rules, you can ref instructional games. Please contact Brian Hinds at behindcpa@aol.com if you are interested. If you get your reffing license and ref instructional, there is a bonus pay.

Team News

Want to have some fun information about your team's season put in the newsletter? Just send them to the public information officer at groussey@erols.com

PSC 12 Santos U10

The following was written by Coach Lou
WE ARE TEAM PSC SANTOS

It is May 2021, and my son has missed his try out. It is entirely my fault and I reach out to the PSC powers at be. I receive an email from Coach Chuck inviting my son to join a team. A team in complete rebuilding mode looking to fill a roster spot. I am in luck. Through a series of events, I end up becoming an assistant coach. I am hoping that I have made the right decision for my son, and then I meet Coach Chuck. The worst decision I could have made was not having my son become part of this mish moshed band of soccer players that would turn into a family.

Coming into the season, Team Santos was in the bottom flight with little to no expectations of success. That did not matter. What mattered was working with these boys to grow physically, mentally and socially. Coach Chuck was the right leader to harness their abilities and build them up. Alongside this super positive man was his two other coaches, Coach Rey and Coach Roberto. Coach Rey worked with the kids to just go for it and believe in themselves, while Coach Roberto worked with the goalies. The crew was good and really cared about the kids and that's why I wanted to join them, bringing my hardnosed style of play to our repertoire.

Practices were interesting to say the least. The boys were still somewhat passive, afraid even at times to play aggressive or make a play on loose balls, excluding the likes of Lucas and Blaize. Those two were already throwing their bodies at everything. We had some players with a strong skill set already, like Ethan, David, Daniel and Bilal. Dorian had a great mind for defense. There were a couple kids that lead the team along the way, but through determination and grit we were ready to compete come the beginning of the fall season.

In the fall season the boys surprised us. They played like a team that was used to playing together for years, yet it was their first season together. They started to become stronger, more aggressive and were becoming a family. The parents were supportive every step of the way, our players were gentlemen on the field, and we came to realize how great of a goaltender Lucas was. Under our nose was a

goalie with some insane skills and we had no idea. This was a game changer. In the fall our backbone was our defensive duo Dorian and Blaize. They were basically 'shut down', and if you were able to get around them, you had to deal with Lucas.

Our passive players started to become more aggressive. Noah started to use his speed in quicker, more powerful bursts. Matthias started to engage with his opponent and be less respectful and more possessive on the pitch. We finished our fall season 6-2-1 and in second place in our flight. We had a pizza party and called it a day. Cut to Spring 2022. This team is dominating in their flight with a 7-1-2 record. The addition of Joe, Matthew and Paul has been thrilling. Paul, our lead scorer, had 22 goals! He is a scoring machine. Matthew is an assist machine with 4 on the season while scoring 4 goals of his own. Joe is a great addition in the goal. He has made clutch saves with his face and even with his cleat popping off mid save. He also has a penalty kick save on the season.

Our OG's have become straight up beasts. Matthias is more aggressive than ever, leaving his passive style off the pitch. His skills are stronger than ever and when he made his first goal on the season, we all jumped around in excitement. I am not exaggerating, we really did! He has improved so much as a player, and we are so proud of him. Daniel has become an enforcer on defense. He is strong, skillful and all around a problem for the opposition. Dorian "The Wall" has become even more wall like if that is even possible. The ball comes at him and it just stops completely, all the while he is graceful and smooth with his footwork. Bilal has made some great passes this season with 3 assists on the season. He has really come into his own in the midfield and been able to dig in to use his skill to create separation. Ethan has become more engaging against his opponent and delivers big shots with 3 goals on the season and great passes with 4 assists on the season. His midfield play has been on point and his defensive work is great. Lucas has continued to be the backbone in goal with phenomenal skills. He has improved greatly as a defender. He is strong, imposing and fierce. Blaize has continued to be a strong defender and has found some success using his speed, scoring 2 goals this season. He remains fearless, even reckless with his body at times, to achieve the W. Noah has become more skilled. His passing is better, his dribbling is done with so much more confidence and he has become a solid defender. He has one of the best highlights of the year when he made a pass while falling that ended in an exciting goal. Lastly, David has 7 goals and 4 assists on the season. He continues to become stronger, faster and hungrier for success. He has started to fall into more of a leadership role on the pitch.

I look at these kids, this team and I am very proud to be a part of it. They amaze me every day and surprise me all the time. I am excited for what the future has in store for our boys. 9v9 is just around the corner and will be another big step. These boys formed in the fall and have become one cohesive unit. The kids, the parents, the siblings, other relatives and the coaches, we are a family... We are TEAM PSC SANTOS.

Web Site

Please visit our website on a regular basis. There is a lot of great information and coaches can create their own team page. Also, you will notice the **coupons from Dick's Sporting Goods**. Put them to good use!

www.PiscatawaySoccer.org



Girls Night at PHS Turf Field