



THE KEEPER

Loudoun Soccer - Fall 2009



Dear Loudoun Soccer Players and Families,

Can you believe this rain? As I write this letter, the skies are turning gray again, and we're expecting our seventh day of rain! While it is great that our fields are getting much needed natural irrigation, it would be nice if there were a few dry days to get rid of the standing water. We are ready to play!! We appreciate your patience. In the mean time, our staff and volunteers are working hard to stay on top of the latest and greatest in the soccer world, so we can bring you the best soccer programs possible. We thank you for your support and feedback, and look forward to more great things to come!

As our country is feeling the weight of the economy, we're getting our own taste of it here in Loudoun County. Under tight budgetary constraints, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors established a "Maintenance and Youth Sports User Fee" of \$10 per player per sport per season. The County will begin to implement this fee in the Fall 2009 season.

I hope you joined us at our 4th Annual Family Fun Day on May 16th, at Belmont Ridge/Lansdowne Park. If so, you were able to see some of the exciting changes that have been made at the site - all 4 soccer fields at Belmont Ridge/Lansdowne Park have been laser graded and irrigated. One of the fields has already been converted to Bermuda grass; and the other three fields are scheduled to get the same conversion to Bermuda in June following our current season. We have installed a well and power (\$100,000) at Conklin Park in South Riding. A portion of Conklin will be taken off line this Fall for much needed maintenance and conversion to Bermuda grass. The second section of Conklin Park will receive its renovation the following year. While this is very exciting, South Riding will definitely be feeling the pinch, as there is a grave shortage of fields in this region. However, nothing good has ever come easy. It will be well worth the sacrifice. We are all enjoying the newly opened Ray Muth Park in the Ashburn area, consisting of two small and one large field, all of which are irrigated Bermuda. Each season these fields will grow in maturity.

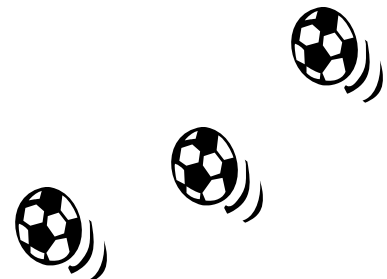
While we have been working hard on our fields, our players have been hard at work too. Here is some exciting news about one of our Loudoun Soccer players - Whitney Church, who is a member of the 91 Girls Red team coached by Randy May and Rae Ann Taylor, has been named to the US National Team Player Pool. Whitney attended the US National Team Camp in January and was again called back to camp in April where she was one of only 24 players invited to The Home Depot Center in Carson, California. The group was training and making early preparations for the 2010 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. While the final roster has not been selected yet, Whitney is currently in the top 24 and will continue to train in hopes of being selected for the final squad. Good luck Whitney, all of Loudoun Soccer will be rooting for you! In addition to that great news, we have two Loudoun Soccer travel teams that are making their way in the Virginia State Cup tournament: the 95 Boys Red (U13) are in the Elite Eight and the 96 Girls Red (U12) are in the Final Four! Go Loudoun! You can follow the State Cup schedule and results on the VYSA website, State Cup tab (www.vysa.com).

As we look to the Fall season, we are excited about the expansion of the mini program into Brambleton, and the additional Footskills Program in both Rec and Travel. We are thrilled to have all of the fantastic people that make up Loudoun Soccer - coaches, coordinators, volunteers, board members, referees, office staff and technical staff. All that we accomplish at Loudoun Soccer has been the result of volunteers and staff committed to building a quality program.

As we move forward, we commit to you the continued efforts and dedication of our staff and volunteers to bring an outstanding comprehensive soccer program to our Loudoun Soccer players and families.

See you on the field!

Debbie Bicer
President





Registration

Registration for the Fall Season begins May 26, 2009. The registration fee is \$85 plus a \$10 Loudoun County (Maintenance and Youth Sports User) fee, if you register before July 15, 2009. Players will be charged a non-refundable \$25 late fee and placed on a wait list starting July 16. If you have any questions, call the Loudoun Soccer office at 703-777-9977 or email registrar@loudounsoccer.com.

Refund request deadline is September 4, 2009.

Come play this summer... SOCCER CAMPS

Loudoun Soccer and Darryl Gee Soccer Academy present Summer camps for ages 4-12. These are week long camps held at various schools throughout the county.

Please see our website or contact Darryl Gee at: darrylgeesoccer@aol.com.



About Loudoun Soccer:

- Loudoun Soccer is a non-profit 501(C)4 organization
- Serving Loudoun since 1973
- Over 30 soccer programs and over 700 teams
- Over 2000 coaches and volunteers
- Over 7200 players for Spring 2007
- Over 375 referees
- About 80,000 volunteer hours



** AGE GROUPS ** 2009-2010 Fall/Spring Seasons

U4	1-Aug-2005-31-Jul-2006
U5	1-Aug-2004-31-Jul-2005
U6	1-Aug-2003-31-Jul-2004
U7	1-Aug-2002-31-Jul-2003
U8	1-Aug-2001-31-Jul-2002
U9	1-Aug-2000-31-Jul-2001
U10	1-Aug-1999-31-Jul-2000
U11	1-Aug-1998-31-Jul-1999
U12	1-Aug-1997-31-Jul-1998
U13	1-Aug-1996-31-Jul-1997
U14	1-Aug-1995-31-Jul-1996
U15	1-Aug-1994-31-Jul-1995
U16	1-Aug-1993-31-Jul-1994
U17	1-Aug-1992-31-Jul-1993
U18	1-Aug-1991-31-Jul-1992
U19	1-Aug-1990-31-Jul-1991

Registration questions should go to: registrar@loudounsoccer.com.
E-Newsletters are sent weekly from margie@loudounsoccer.com.
Please make sure we have your current email address to receive valuable information concerning your soccer community.

LOUDOUN SOCCER

Fall 2009 Calendar

May 26	Registration begins
Jul 15	On-time registration ends
Jul 15	All challenge registration ends
Jul	Challenge evaluations (see website)
Aug 21	Team information posted
Aug 25	Coaches meeting—Ashburn
Aug 26	Challenge Coaches clinic
Aug 27	Coaches meeting –South Riding
Aug 29	Coaches meeting and clinics-All
Aug 31	Practice starts for U6-U19
Sep 4	Refund request deadline
Sep 12	1st Game, MSP & Topsoccer
Sep 19	2nd game-Picture Day #1
Sep 20	All-Star tryouts
Sep 26	3rd game-Picture Day #2
Sep 27	All-Star tryouts
Oct 3	4th game-Picture Day #3
Oct 11	No games
Oct 17	5th game
Oct 24	6th game
Oct. 31	7th game- Last MSP
Nov 7	8th game—U7 Jamboree
Nov 14&15	House, U8 and SFL Tournament
Nov 21&22	All Star Tournament

Dates are subject to change. Please check the website for calendar changes.

Loudoun Soccer Information

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TOPSoccer

Special thanks to our "Soccer buddies" who volunteer their time on Saturday afternoons helping children with special needs in our TOP Soccer program. To volunteer, please contact : topsoccer@Loudounsoccer.com



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THANK YOU to all Loudoun Soccer Volunteers!!!



Gold Sponsors

Please help us thank our Gold Sponsor's for helping us reach our goals for the soccer playing youth of Loudoun County. Together we strive to offer the best to our players, our families and our communities.

Thank you for believing in us. If you or your company would like to become a sponsor, on any level, please call Margie at the Loudoun Soccer office (703-777-9977) to find out how to participate or send an email to info@loudounsoccer.com.

VOLUNTEERING



We would like to ask for your help next season to maintain our outstanding programs by helping to provide the necessary coverage in the various activities listed below.

- **Field Preparation:** This work can be as simple as putting out corner flags every Friday and bringing them back on Sunday evening or putting nets on goals at the beginning of the season and putting goals away at the end of the season. There are also many field sites that require volunteer labor to keep the fields lined every week. This is a good volunteer opportunity for a parent or a teenage student looking for a way to assist the community.
- **Event Help:** The end-of-season tournaments, jamborees, and variety of other events require a considerable amount of volunteer help in order to have all duties covered and ensure that the events are successful.
- **Office Work:** Please contact the Loudoun Soccer office to see how you may assist with registration, filing, season beginning and ending activities just to name a few.
- **Age Group Coordinators:** Loudoun Soccer needs age group coordinators in every town to form teams in the designated recreational league age groups. The coordinators work with their corresponding regional commissioner to determine team counts, identify coaches for teams and assign players to the teams. The coordinators also provide rosters to their coaches at the beginning of each season and distribute trophies to the coaches at the end of each season. Most of the work is done in the four weeks that precede the start of each season. After the season starts, additional work is primarily related to changes in team rosters (adding late registrants or moving players between teams).
- **Volunteer & Fundraising Coordinators:** These positions are perfect for those creative individuals who enjoy working with people to provide the organization with a support system of volunteers to plan and execute various activities.
- **Field Development:** We have thousands of players and are always looking to find more fields. If you have land and would consider donating it to Loudoun Soccer, please contact info@loudounsoccer.com. If you can help us in other ways for our quest for more space, please volunteer for this most important task.

REMEMBER—All of our children benefit from your contributions to Loudoun Soccer. Please volunteer today!