



Quakertown Soccer Club Newsletter

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Fall Travel Season Swings to a Close

This Fall we had 18 Youth Travel Soccer Teams competing in ICSL, 1 in LVYSL Winter League and one doing College Showcase events. The following teams won their Division titles in 2013:

U10F Strikers - ICSL Division 3 West (8-1-1)

U11M Chaos - ICSL Division 4 (7-0-3)

U11F SWAT Blue - ICSL Division 3 (9-0-1)

U13M Blue Devils - ICSL Division 3 (9-0-0)

U14M Gunners – ICSL Division 2 (7-1-2)

As always our #1 objective is to improve our overall play with consistent work on skills development but to also advance our teams to the highest levels of ICSL and beyond. Winning a Division is a splendid accomplishment and we congratulate all of our league Champs!!

QSC Approves QHS Scholarships

At the September, 2013 Board Meeting, QSC approved a new \$500 scholarship for one girl and one boy member of the Quakertown High School Soccer Teams. This new scholarship will be in place for the Class of 2014. We realized recently that most of the local youth sports organizations have some sort of formal Scholarship to help defray the costs of college, but we didn't! So we fixed that 'problem'. We will be working with the QHS Coaches to formalize a selection process, but one thing is for sure: we are honoring someone who has spent the majority of their soccer career at Quakertown Soccer Club and that loyalty to our local soccer program will be rewarded in kind.





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Academy: 5 Years Running & Stronger Than Ever



Our [Academy Program](#) continues to grow in participation, from 12 children in 2008 to 60+ this current season.

As a club, we pride ourselves on our player development and this is one of many steps we have taken over the past 5 years to improve the quality of soccer in our players.

This year we added a night to the training schedule and involved Total Soccer's Professional Trainers to work with the children. We have seen substantial improvements in the quality of the childrens' foot skills and comfort with the ball at their feet and it is providing a higher level of player to our new travel teams at U9 and up.

Additionally, our [ADVANCE Program](#) is in its 2nd year and has made great progress. All participating clubs, Boyertown, Valley, Lehigh Valley United, Methacton & Harleysville, agree that it has been a true success and we are proud to watch it continue to grow and develop.

There were 4 successful festivals over the Fall which provided a non-competitive, play day style, fun event for all the children to participate.

Both programs are off for the month of December and will be moving indoors in January to start back up.

Keep on Kickin' It !!!



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Ottawa Friendlies

On consecutive Sundays, October 27th and November 3rd, QSC hosted 3 teams from the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club for Friendlies (exhibition games for those new to soccer) against our U13F Lightning Boltz, U13M Blue Devils and U14M Gunners. These games are a reciprocation of the games our teams played in Ottawa in June, 2013. The competition was excellent on all levels but the BEST part is that the kids get to experience soccer from another culture – on and off the field. After the games we invited the Canadian players, chaperones and coaches to our clubhouse for a Pizza Party, before they returned home. It was a wonderful experience for all..





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New Pole Barn

QSC has a shiny new pole barn to store its facilities equipment. The 'Shed' has been long overdue for an upgrade and with 968 square feet of floor space plus 12-foot high ceilings, the Pole Barn provides ample cover and protection (for now and future needs) for all of our equipment and items that we presently manage to stuff in all corners of the Clubhouse and Shed. We will also be able to build storage shelves to house a lot of our portable goals and free up space in the Clubhouse storage closet for items. The Shed will then be used for Coaches and field equipment so they will have one stop for their necessary field items. The basic structure was completed on November 6, 2013 but there will be more to do over the winter. We will need to run electricity into the building and install the necessary outlets and lighting. We will also be preparing to install a work sink which will demand water and sewer hookups. We will also run gutters on the roofline and prepare the ground around the building for proper drainage. Finally, we will build and install a 4" concrete pad for the floor of the building.

Facility Update

This Fall the club decided to take a little different approach to our fields. After consulting with Penn State University's Agronomy program, we have taken their recommendations and put it to use, adding Lime and special fertilizers and seed to help preserve and strengthen our fields. Because they get so much use, we have to constantly fight the battle to maintain the fields so they are playable. Our grass becomes brittle and thin and with a lot of play, wear areas are quickly noticeable. These new measures, recently applied, have already begun to show improvement and we expect to really see performance in the Spring.



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY – Thank you to everyone who helped with Fall Clean-up day. We all appreciate the hard work of our Facilities crew and these days are important to lend them a hand and prepare the Club for winter.



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ODP:

Congratulations to the players below for their hard work and dedication in making their Olympic Development Program Teams (ODP).

Lizzie Maceri – 2001

Micah Kratz – 2001

Adam Wunsch - 2002



100 Juggles Club:

Our recent winners of the QSC 100 Juggles Club are noted below. [Click here](#) for details on the program

Lily Colflesh – U13F Lightning Boltz – 162

Ben Wackerman – U14M Gunners – 100

Travis Harwick – U12M Young Guns – 106

Interesting Stories:

Why we don't care about rankings and neither should you - [link](#)

QSC is STILL at \$200 - [link](#)



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Upcoming Events:

QSC 3v3 Winter Classic

Due the construction at Quakertown HS, we are unable to use the Upper and Lower Gyms for our 3v3 Winter Classic Tournament in 2014 (they should be available in 2015). In their place we are planning on hosting the games at Strayer Middle School in their Gymnasium. This will require some logistical adjustments to enable us to have two playing surfaces at one time, a critical component of our 3v3 events. The Strayer Cafeteria Commons will host our Snack Stand and overflow seating while games are in progress. It will be a unique year, but it's important we don't lose momentum as the Winter Classic is one of our key annual fundraisers. Age groups and dates are as follows:

01/19 - U9M, U9F, U11M

01/26 - U10M, U14F, U10F

02/09 - U11F, U13M, U13F

02/15 - U12M, U12F

02/16 - U14M, High School Female/
High School Male

03/01 - U11C, U13C, U15C

03/02 & 03/09 - Snow dates



QSC Travel Survey

As we do every year, this December we will ask everyone to evaluate their Travel Soccer experience at QSC and give us feedback on what we do well and what we could improve upon. Since we are all volunteers and hold down daytime work, we want to make sure the time we spend at QSC is valuable and worthwhile, therefore it is necessary to get your feedback on what's working, what isn't and what you can help us with. In the past year, we have added on a Sponsorship Coordinator, a Public Relations Coordinator (actually 2) and this Newsletter, but there are always unmet needs.

Awards Night

The Travel Soccer Awards Night will be on Friday night, January 31, 2014 at Strayer Middle School. (More Information to Follow)



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Fundraising Corner

Thank you to all of our Sponsors who continue to support us and make this club better year after year.



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