

On the Sidelines

Official Newsletter of Ridley United Soccer Club
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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2011 Spring Season for Ridley United Soccer Club. After many years as Club President, Andy Raudabaugh has stepped down. We can't thank Andy enough for the countless hours he has spent serving this Club. Andy is not leaving the Club, and will provide his expertise and experience in new areas.

We can't emphasize enough how much we need your help in keeping this club moving forward. It takes many volunteers to help with registration, input of players into our database, create team rosters and schedules, find and train intramural referees, sort and distribute cones, balls and first aid kits, set up goals and nets, coordinate Family Day, the Banquet and Picture Day, and the list goes on and on. If you can give as little as 5 minutes of your time by helping to move the goal frames off the field at the end of the day, please don't be shy. If you can give a little more time, we'd welcome each and every one of you. We thank everyone who has given of their time for our kids. This Club is an all-volunteer organization. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

BOARD MEMBERS for 2011

President	Chuck Catania
Vice President	Ron Baldino
Treasurer	Jack Cavanaugh
Secretary	Beth Yori
Travel Director	Art Stretton
Intramural Director	Meredith Adams
Player Development	Tony Dalterio
Equipment	Joe Adamski
Fundraising	Lorraine Logue
Public Relations	Andy Raudabaugh
Website	Tina Baldino

See the website www.ridleyunitedsoccer.org for contact information

POSITIONS OPEN

The Club has the following positions open:

Referee Coordinator
Coaching Director
Publicity Director
Fields Coordinator
Volunteer Coordinator

If interested, please contact Chuck Catania at catania565@comcast.net

CLUBHOUSE MOVES

Used to seeing our clubhouse sitting at Mann Field on 4th Avenue in Folsom? The Club completed a big move and the "Dome" is now located at Catania Field (on Chester Pike behind the Ridley Park Police Station). We thank Operating Engineers Local #542, TrayDoc Construction, Scanlon Industrial Contractors, McDaid Bros. General Contracting, Neerland Builders, IBEW Local 614, and Hagan Electric for making our move a success.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly Board meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at our Clubhouse on Catania Field. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 20th	Spring Season Begins
April 25th	Travel Tryouts Begin
May 15th	Spring Season Ends
May 15th	Fall Registration Date

REFEREES NEEDED

The Club is in need of anyone 12 years of age or older to referee Intramural games. A mandatory clinic will be held on March 13 at 1 pm at Catania Field. Anyone interested in becoming a Club Referee, please contact Art Stretton at astretton@burnsinc.com.

REFEREE LICENSE CLASS

The Club will sponsor a Grade 8 Referee Class. This class is given by the State Referee Association and enables those who pass the exam to referee travel games in the area. Travel referees currently receive about \$30 per game. For information, contact Art Stretton at astretton@burnsinc.com.

TRAVEL TRYOUTS

Any players U9 and above who want to play at a more competitive level are encouraged to try-out for our travel teams. Leagues generally cover Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. Teams practice 2 nights per week and play a 9 game schedule on weekends, generally starting the week after Labor Day and ending the week before Thanksgiving. The start of team practices will vary with most starting in mid-summer. Any player interested in our travel program should check the website for details and contact the coach of the appropriate age level.

SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Club offers two (2) \$500 Merit Scholarships to high school senior soccer players who have been a part of Ridley United Soccer and who have demonstrated dedication to the game, the Club and the community. Please visit our website for the application. The deadline for entry is March 15, 2011

PHILADELPHIA UNION PARTNERSHIP

Ridley United Soccer Club is proud to announce our Youth Soccer Partnership with the Philadelphia Union. Look for future events with the Union. Contact Andy Raudabaugh for more information at Raudabaugh3@aol.com

PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENCE

Not to be outdone by the men, Ridley United Soccer Club is an Official Affiliate with the Philadelphia Independence. Check out the Independence website or contact Andy Raudabaugh at Raudabaugh3@aol.com for more information.

TOPSoccer

The Club offers TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) program for athletes with Special Needs. Parents and children in this group participate in friendly skill games led by caring coaches and assistants who work together to provide a friendly social experience. Players participate at their own speed and level of play. For more information, contact Ron Baldino at ruscoachron@aol.com

EUROSPORT Soccer

Need new cleats, a ball, or maybe a Manchester United replica jersey? Please consider Eurosport at soccer.com. Let them know you are from Ridley United and the Club receives credits toward equipment.

FACEBOOK

Find us on Facebook. The Club now has a Facebook page. For info, check our website.

TWITTER

How about following us on Twitter? You can do that now too.