



# Terryville Youth Soccer Club

## News N' Views

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### NEWS

#### **In Town Programs:**

Thanks to all the coach's and volunteers who helped with the In-town program. Some how we managed to get eight Saturdays with great weather this fall. Thanks to Jane Dorosh and Peter Huizenga for organizing the program and Thanks to two of the clubs most reliable volunteers, Bob Pelz for mowing and trimming Hancock Field and Bob Lozier for lining Hancock, Prospect and Fisher fields.

#### **U12 Division 1 Girls (coach Jeff Anderson)**

The girls played better together in the 2nd season of Division 1. They average more than 2 goals a game, which is a big improvement. Midfield stepped up and defense continues to improve. Keep up the good work girls!

#### **U14 Division 2 Boys (coach Paul Dorosh)**

U14 Boy's travel team has been together for many years and this year proved what teamwork can do!

#### **U11 Division 2 Boys (coach Jane Dorosh)**

U11 Boy's travel team had a great fall season. The passing and teamwork were outstanding.

#### **New Travel Teams**

Would you like to move your team up to the travel division? TYSC is looking to field more travel teams, we would especially like a U10 girls travel team for this spring. If anyone is interested in coaching this age group or any age group please contact Jane Dorosh at 860-584-0069.

#### **Winter indoor soccer**

Although TYSC no longer organizes winter in-door soccer programs, there are a number of great indoor facilities in our area where you can bring an entire team, or get individual training. Check into **The Sports Domain** (860-738-3306) next door to the Connecticut Motor Vehicles in Winsted, or the **Bristol Soccerdome** (860-589-1536) in Bristol at the Bristol Polish Club.

#### **2004 Spring Registrations**

No need to wait for walk-in registrations, TYSC spring registration forms are now posted on the clubs web-site [www.tyscsoccer.com](http://www.tyscsoccer.com), so you can register anytime. Registration forms can be printed in **Word** or **.PDF** formats that can be filled out and then mailed to the club P.O. Box. The web site also posts our club meeting dates and times, club events, pictures, newsletters and much more soccer related information.

#### **Volunteer Corner/Monthly Meetings**

Board member volunteer positions and volunteers in general are always needed and appreciated. Please check our web site for information and open positions. If you have some ideas that you would like to see instituted into our soccer programs, please come to a meeting. TYSC meetings are held at St. Michael's Church, 35 Allen Street Terryville on the first Sunday of each month from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. Our next meeting is Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 2004. For more information contact Rich Lyga at 582-4768.

## **Terryville Fair Soccer Booth**

It wasn't the best of weather for this last September's Terryville Fair, but despite the weather our club still made a \$350.00 profit. Thanks goes out to Jolene Dutkiewicz for organizing the booth and to **Soccer Extreme** of Waterbury for donating 250 mini soccer balls as our prizes and to **Treasure's Unlimited** for donating water bottles and U.S. Flags as our consolation prizes, and to all the volunteers that make s our Score on the Goalie booth a success every year.

## **Columbus Day Challenge**

We did not hold our "Columbus Day Challenge" this October 12 due to a lack of help to coordinate this event. Please volunteer to get this great event going for next year by attending our next club meeting.

## **2003 TYSC Club Improvements**

Along with organizing spring and fall soccer programs for our in-town and travel teams, TYSC also helps with the maintenance of the Upper Fisher and Prospect Street soccer fields. Our club made improvements to the Upper Fisher field by trimming, fertilizing and mulching the big "T" shaped hedge, putting in a crushed stone walk way up to the field (which we hope to add a railing on next year). We also helped the Plymouth Board of Education offset the costs of additional mowing this year, and had the Upper Fisher, Prospect Street and Hancock fields aerated, seeded, and fertilized. All together TYSC invested over \$5000.00 helping to improve our town's soccer fields this year. The club also received a \$1000.00 grant from the **Thomaston Saving Bank Foundation** to buy new soccer equipment. With this money we bought two new benches for the Prospect Street field, two new goals for our Hancock Field, and along with a sign face donated by **Lauretano Sign**, we constructed a new freestanding sign for our Hancock field. So as you can see, we are doing more than just organizing soccer games.

## **VIEWS**

### **Soccer – A small difference makes a big difference in this sport**

When you watch your children playing soccer it seems like many other team sports. Using defense and offence one team tries to score more than the other to win the game, typical of baseball, basketball, volleyball, football, etc. But as you learn more about the sport, and watch your children move up into developed games, you see the one difference soccer has from these other team sports. It's that soccer doesn't have any "time outs". With no time outs, the game plays for 35 to 45 minutes each half (depending on age group), up to 90 minutes per game with no way for the coach or players to stop the game and re-group when they get into a bind (one reason why network TV doesn't like soccer, no time for commercials). No time outs equals 90 minutes of non-stop play and aerobic exercise, but the real difference that having no time outs achieves in soccer is that the children learn to "coach themselves from the field." A coach can work with the team during practices, they instruct the team and set the line-ups before the game, and at half time, but on a playing field that is larger than a football field and with no time outs to bring all the players in from the field for instructions or setting new plays, the coach can do little to instruct the players on what to do when the pressure is on. So in a successful soccer team, the kids learn to work as a team, talking to each other, finding a way to win the game, they "coach themselves from the field". With the emphasis of working in teams and problem solving in the classroom and in the business world, the game of soccer will not only keep our children in the best of physical condition, it may make a difference in the way they learn to work together throughout their lives.