



SYOSSET SOCCER CLUB



"It's Just About the Kids"

October 14, 2008

Dear Board Members, Coaches & Volunteers,

As we enter the halfway point in the Fall 2008 season, and our Columbus Weekend Tournament is behind us, I wanted to reach out to the soccer community and bring everyone up to date on this past weekend's event. For those who are unaware, the Syosset Soccer Club hosted its 20th Annual Columbus Weekend Intramural Tournament. This past weekend, we had 160 Intramural teams, which included over 1800 children from all over Long Island, Queens and Westchester. Over the past 5 years, our tournament has become the single largest Intramural Tournament on Long Island. This year we utilized 35 referees while playing 400 games on 25 fields. As you can imagine organizing a tournament of this magnitude takes a lot of time and energy. I would personally like to thank everyone who assisted me during the process as well as during the Tournament. I know that everyone gives what he or she can, and each and every hour that you dedicate is truly appreciated! In particular I would like to personally thank Don Skorka, Ron Friedman and Larry Fischer for going above and beyond what I could have ever hoped for!

Whether it was registration night, field set-up or break down, or team scoring the following volunteers made it possible: Stan Zwick, Eric Miller, Debbie Fein, Jonathan Teller, Vinny Cottone, Gordon Barr, Declan McSheffrey, Lauren Halpern, Mike Borra, Tom Cushing, Matt Lamstein, Steve Glicksman, Brad Gruber, Todd Cirella, Sandra Bhatt, Brian & Andrea Wasserman, Steve Schulman, Mike Finkelstein, Chris Burrei, David Locker, Stacy Falk, Kris DeBenedittis, Ryan & Daniel DeBenedittis, Logan Fischer, Larry Meltzer, Art Gurtman, Don Pike, Darren Grunberg, David Grossman and of course my wife, Allison. Without your efforts the tournament would not have been as successful as it was.

On the coaching front I would like to thank each and every coach in our program who took time away from their family to coach our **21 teams** in the Tournament. In particular I would like to thank David Locker & Michelle Cirella for coaching additional teams.

As always Michael Islek was there when needed, ensuring that our information was published on our website on a timely basis.

Giving back to the community is the reason we volunteer and thank you for helping me provide a wonderful place for our children!

Regards,

Gary Grossman
President-SSC

PS. I am sorry if I have forgotten anybody, but after a weekend like the one we just had, my brain is fried