



## MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



#### SOCCER DAY

MYSA's annual Soccer Day celebration is **Sunday, October 21**. The day is run in conjunction with the annual **Pumpkin Fair** and is definitely the highlight of the fall in-town season.

Over the course of the week, your children will be working on posters to carry in the **Parade of Champions**, which will kick off the day at high noon. We ask that all players arrive at the field behind the football bleachers at 11:30 a.m. There you will find your team and your place to line up for the parade.

Also on hand will be plenty of colored hair spray (to get in the spirit) and Medway Soccer sweatshirts and t-shirts to purchase. Medway Youth Soccer will be running a concession stand with drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

Each instructional, micro and intramural team will play a total of two games each. In between or after the games, there will be time to visit the Pumpkin Fair and enjoy the many activities there for the kids.

Capping the day will be the medal presentation in which each participant is awarded a medal for playing. We hope it all adds up to a fun and exciting day for our in-town soccer players.

Here is a link to the Soccer Day schedule and a map of the fields at the Middle School: <http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/soccerday/default.htm>



#### REVOLUTION-ARY NIGHT

Thanks to everyone who attended Saturday night's **MYS Night at the Revolution**. It was the third time we've made Gillette Stadium our own, and it was also our biggest turnout yet.

Congratulations to **Janice Steffens** for all her hard work in pulling the night together -- Janice was still getting ticket requests on her drive to Gillette Saturday night -- and to **Dede Mill** and **Paul Martin** for their invaluable contributions.

Everyone was thrilled with our own tailgating area, especially the kids who had their own grassy knoll on which to play soccer. And of course having our own section -- Section 120 at Gillette -- allowed all of Medway to mingle and enjoy the game. Mr. Martin's negotiating skills should be lauded for that one.

We've now invaded Foxboro three consecutive years and the turnout we've produced should qualify us for part ownership in the team in a few years or so. The Revolution folks are always talking about our numbers, our organization, our comportment and our spirit. It's an excellent reflection on our soccer community.

This is a non-profit event for which Medway Youth Soccer subsidizes the cost so that families in town can get together and enjoy themselves. We're proud to organize it and we hope everyone will spread the word to make next year even bigger.

### Here are a few numbers from the evening:

**3-2:** Final score of the game, won by the Columbus Crew. (Did we forget to mention the one bumper of the night?)

**22,295:** Number of people at Gillette Stadium for Saturday night's game. It was the largest non-David Beckham induced home crowd of the season for the Revs.

**575:** Number of people attending the event from Medway. That's 2.5 percent of the entire crowd that night.

**75:** Number of desserts provided by various families for our incredible spread.

**774-277-0954:** Phone number for **Hostess Helpers**, the caterers that provided the incredible spread of food at Gillette. The company belongs to Medway resident **Linda Sansone** and our thanks go out to her for a great job.

**30:** Number of Medway soccer players taking the field at Gillette for the National Anthem before the game.



### SPRING REGISTRATION ... REALLY!

Yes, the fall season may only be halfway through, but it's a great time to plan ahead, right? So while you're enjoying your children's soccer season, please don't forget to register them for the spring season.

**Spring 2008 registration begins on Nov. 1.** All children who are currently playing this fall, must still register for the spring. Most of the teams will remain the same.

We are partnering with AdminSports.com for registration again. You can use the same user name (e-mail) and password you used for the fall registration so you don't have to re-enter all your information.

Please note, you will need a credit card or will have the option to mail in a check to complete registration. To receive a family discount, all children must be registered at the same time. All registrations must go through the on-line registration method.

To register for the spring season please visit our Web site at [www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com) and follow the online registration instructions. In order to avoid a \$25 late fee, registrations must be completed by December 15.



### SURFING THE WEB

Here are two great Web sites to take note of:

- Seeing a **Medway High School varsity girls or boys soccer game** is a great way to show your kids what the game looks like at the next level. Both teams are very competitive and well-coached. Here's the link to their schedules for their remaining games:

<http://www.medwayschools.org/highschool/athletics/default.htm>

- If your child plays travel soccer, **BAYS** has a new and improved Web site that allows you to easily check out your team's schedule, results, or even how the whole Medway program is doing. Here's a link to their site:

<http://www.bays.org/?q=node/108>



## SPOT ON

If you haven't done so already, say hello to **Tom Foster**, our Challenger trainer, who has been on the job for about a month now. Tom is doing a great job, not only with our travel teams, but with clinics for the younger, in-town players. He will be with us until the end of the month.

MYSA wants to extend a huge thank you to the O'Connell and Diebus families for housing Tom during his stay.



## THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- ⚽ There will be instructional soccer on Saturday, Oct. 20.
- ⚽ Bring **water** and a **soccer ball** to every practice. It's important for your child's development to keep a ball on her or his foot as much as possible during practice.
- ⚽ Arrive at least 15 minutes early on game day.
- ⚽ If it rains, make sure to check the MYSA Web site for game updates.
- ⚽ Please keep sportsmanship a top priority for both children playing and parents on the sidelines.
- ⚽ If you have a business or know someone who does and would like to sponsor one of our in-town teams, contact Janice at [Janice.steffens@comcast.net](mailto:Janice.steffens@comcast.net).
- ⚽ Parents are encouraged to go online and fill out coaching evaluations. Your input is important to us. The feedback we receive will help us identify the strengths and weaknesses of our coaches as well as the entire program. The form is located on the home page ([www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com)) and must be printed out and mailed to MYS, PO Box 11, Medway, MA 02053.



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## **MYS MISSION STATEMENT**

Medway Youth Soccer's main purpose is to provide a recreational youth soccer program for the town of Medway and to ensure all players have an enjoyable soccer experience. Medway Youth Soccer is a non-profit organization dedicated to the youth of Medway. Membership guarantees equal playing time regardless of ability. As an association, we strive to foster fair play, sportsmanship, teamwork, self-confidence, self-discipline, and competition. Medway Youth Soccer's goal is to encourage these values in our players, coaches, parents, referees, and volunteers. We hope to instill a lifetime passion for the sport of soccer and provide an overall safe and fun experience.