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# The Ocean State Soccer Times

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**Welcome** To all the new and returning Ocean State Soccer families we want to extend a great big Welcome and Thank You for being part of our organization!! Ocean State is a non-profit organization with an on-going mission to provide quality soccer instruction for children of all ages across Rhode Island. We have two distinct sections to provide the right opportunities for different players to enjoy the game:

• **Recreation** – we have Fall and Spring Seasons for players of all abilities, ages 4-18. This Fall was another great season with 66 teams; 622 players and a total of 495 games (wow!!) – all made possible by over 75 coaches. Registration for Spring is already open. To guarantee a place on a spring team, please sign up by February 29<sup>th</sup> (a \$20 late fee also applies after this date).

• **Competitive** – Fall and Winter/Spring Seasons for players wishing to further improve their skills; ages 8-18 (we had 225 players this fall). In addition to playing other RI teams in both of the Fall and Winter/Spring seasons, our teams also compete in various tournaments, including those involving teams from across New England. A number of our teams came home with trophies this year including U12 and U15-16 boys' teams in the Memorial Day tournament in Nashua, NH and in the North Kingstown Fathers' Day Tournament, U12 and U16 girls' teams as well as U12, U14 and U16 boys' teams. A boys' team was the U16 Superliga champion.

**Sportsmanship** – of the 250+ teams that played in the Nashua, NH tournament, Steve Thorpe and Chris Runci's U12 boys won one of 3 coveted awards for good sportsmanship. Not only were the players evaluated, but also the coaches and parents too. Great job to all!!

**Coaches** are the most valuable resource we have and the quality of the instruction keeps improving every year. Remember that in order for OSS to maintain a high level of teaching and development we need to recruit coaches who want to learn and develop with the players. Please contact Jeff Boldt [jboldt@cox.net](mailto:jboldt@cox.net) (Competitive coaches), or [JeffreyMWallace@hotmail.com](mailto:JeffreyMWallace@hotmail.com) (Recreational coaches).

We are very proud that one of our long-time coaches and dedicated OSS Board Member, Keb Brackenbury has been named the Soccer Rhode Island Coach of the Year for 2011!!

**College Scholarships** – we gave scholarships of total \$3,000 this year. All OSS members in their senior year are eligible to apply.

**Summer Camp** – 165 very lucky kids had a great time at the Summer Camp in July – next year, the camp will be the week of July 9<sup>th</sup> (ages 3 – 16; 9am – 3pm; great fun, great coaches; family cook out).

**Volunteers** Ocean State Soccer is a volunteer-run organization and the **Coaches, Parents, Volunteers and Players make our league one of the best in the State – thank you very much for all that you do to make all of this happen!!** If you are reading this Newsletter and

haven't had a chance to volunteer, please pick up the phone or email any of the Board Members and also check off your preferred activity when you register your kids for the Spring 2012 season.

**Fundraising** – We're the only club in the state with the fortunate distinction of owning our own facilities, and we have to thank Bill Gallagher for his dedicated maintenance of our beautiful 11 acres of fields (including for painting the lines every week!). However, with the need to replace the well in the back field in addition to ongoing repairs and maintenance costs, we're planning two fundraisers: a lucky number Calendar raffle in the spring and a Golf Tournament in June – more to come on both!

**Please Support Our Sponsors** We have 6 Team Uniform Sponsors (some of whom sponsor multiple teams) and 14 Sign Sponsors. Sponsoring at OSS is an easy and efficient method of advertising for your Company to OSS families, and is also tax deductible. Please contact Doug McEwen at [douglas.mcewen@bankofamerica.com](mailto:douglas.mcewen@bankofamerica.com)

**Referees** – None of our games would happen without our 82 certified referees. John May, the Director of Referees, organizes the training program, please see [www.oceanstatesoccer.org](http://www.oceanstatesoccer.org)

**Picture Day and Cookout Day** After two wet Saturdays, third time was a charm for Picture Day on October 15<sup>th</sup>, which was also the Fall Cookout. Big thanks to Sportography for taking photos on Picture Day and of course to our Coaches for getting everyone there on time. The grill chefs served up over 1,000 burgers and hot-dogs for the cookout, Mother Nature was very gracious in serving up lashings of warm sunshine and blue skies. Big thanks also to the cook-out volunteers, including those who helped stayed around for the hard work of clean-up. We couldn't have done it without you!!

**Board of Directors** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Coldspring Community Center near Wickford. All members are encouraged to attend. We currently have open board positions for Vice President, CFO and Director of Equipment - please contact John Montanaro, [jmontanaro@verizon.net](mailto:jmontanaro@verizon.net) for information.

**2011-2012 Board (email addresses are on the OSS website)**

- President: John Montanaro
- Director of Operations: Keb Brackenbury
- Director of Foundation: Pat Corso
- Acting Director of Equipment: Pat Corso
- Director of Safety: Bill Gallagher
- Registrar: Jenn Gallagher
- Director of Referees: John May
- Director of Technical Training: John Resendes
- Director of Competitive: Chris Runci

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- Secretary: Rosemary Stitt
- Acting CFO: Jeff Wadovick
- Director of Development: Jeff Wallace

Special thanks to: Doug McEwen (Sponsorship/Fundraising); Dave Covell (Web Maestro and College Scholarship Committee); Stephen Souls (Marketing); Erin Watson (Competitive Coordinator); Jeff Boldt (Competitive Coaches).