

# Rebel Soccer Club

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It has been my passion to reverse some trends in the RSC community as well as within the North District. In years past, I have watched many of our best players leave the RSC as well as the North District. The RSC currently has the best U17 boys team in the state. There are lessons to learn from their success. While no course is perfect and there are many paths to take, it is my hope that we as a collective whole can set common goals and be driven by these objectives. It is with this passion that I sought out the presidency of the RSC. After holding many different positions on the board, I decided to help by navigating a ship through uncharted waters.

As you read through this newsletter you will see that our core is in involving our youngest players. The Little Rebels Soccer Acad-

Gary Flanderick was named Administrator of the Year 2007!

It is a great honor to have such an individual associated with the RSC.

Gary has been the mainstay of the RSC since it's

emy (LRSA) ran this Fall and will run again mid-February. It is from this energetic group of kids that we form our U9 and U10 traveling teams. We are confident that in 2 years our U9 to U12 teams will be strong and skillful. This will lead to a recruitment effort bringing players into the RSC rather than seeing our best leave. In order to make LRSA successful we have made contact with the CDAA and hosted a soccer festival this past July. In 2008 the festival will be a much larger event, with one of our older teams hosting a key game. Look for details in upcoming issues of the Park n Rec.

Other changes within the RSC include online registration. We established a merchant account so we are now able to take credit card payments for registering players. We also have a club telephone

line.

The Father Hennepin Tournament has seen some changes made to it as well. It is now a U8 to U14 tournament and is listed as a National Tournament. It is our goal to have 200 teams.

Finally, as many of you know the RSC is a 501C4 Non-profit organization. What this means we are not able to issue receipts for donations. However, we are in the process of changing to a 501C3 fully running non-profit. Upon successful acceptance by the IRS, rules will come out to the individual teams.

As always, any comments or questions are welcome! President  
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REBEL PRIDE!

## MYSA Recognition for Gary Flanderick

inception. He has held every position in the club and currently sits in the chair of Vice-President. As VP he has spent the better part of the past year ensuring that the RSC sponsor a vibrant Little Rebels Program.

This program is held dear to Gary's heart and he has been instrumental in keeping the Board of Directors on task to see that we cater to the youngest of our players.

CONGRADULATIONS !

## Vice-President

By Gary Flanderick

### Training

Training, individual and team, has become an integral part of any sport. Traveling soccer clubs who are successful have made training a large part of their programs. The Rebels Soccer Club has made training a year round philosophy.

The RSC provides Summer and Winter training opportunities for all of our members.

We have a Little Rebels program we run in the Spring, Fall, and Winter. This training is for young children to give them the

experience of soccer without the game pressure. For the older player we have structured training sessions usually 8 weeks long.

This Winter we will be training at the National Sports Center in Blaine. Please check the Rebels website for information about the various training sessions.

We encourage all players to take their skills to a higher level. That is what traveling soccer is about!

## GO REBELS!

## Coaching Director By Sue Alfini

Hello RSC Players and Parents.

With the Summer and Fall 2007 seasons behind us we can all look back on a very successful year for the Rebels Soccer Club. As coaching director this past year I was able to oversee a number of new programs and opportunities made available to the coaches and teams. In January 2007 we were also able to offer indoor field time accessible for coaches and teams interested in training throughout the year. Through our partnership with the NSC Soccer Academy we were able to offer individual training opportunities at a reduced fee using the NSC clinics. The club held a festival in July for new players, even on a stormy night we had a great turn out. We will be holding the festival again in the Summer of 2008.

We also restarted the coaching clinics. These too were

held at the NSC under the direction of Alan Merrick. These were provided free of charge to all coaches and assistant coaches. We will again hold them this year in February. I strongly encourage all to attend. I guarantee you will pick up a drill or two. Coaches should never stop learning or striving to learn and help their teams grow in skill and tactics as well as being able to help players advance their skills on an individual basis. Coaches should strive to obtain their license either through the MYSA clinics, such as the E license, or through the NSCAA programs which are offered at the NSC. Moving forward I would like to have all volunteer coaches certified or licensed as they continue to coach in the club. All fees relating to licensure are reimbursed by the RSC upon successful completion of a course. As a traveling soccer organization all coaches should be committed to providing a

high quality experience for both players and parents. I would like to thank all of you who have coached this past season and those of you coaching this upcoming season. Your time and dedication is a major contributor to the success of the RSC, and does make a difference in a child's life. I also encourage all of you to contact me at anytime with any questions or concerns that you may have. I am excited for the upcoming season, it should be a fun year for all. Lastly all of our members are our best recruiters, encourage your friends and neighbors to check out the RSC.

Yours in soccer!

## Boys Coaching Director

By Brett Peterson

Have you ever wondered how coaches are picked?

Each year all coaches fill out a coaching application. The board reviews these applications and places the coaches to the teams. If there are two candidates that want to coach the same team, then there is an interview process to select the most qualified coach for the team. Usually at the younger age groups a parent steps up to coach. This parent may or may not have any coaching and or soccer experience. The club encourages all coaches to get a coaching license and to attend coaching clinics. The fees for the coaching license and

clinics are reimbursed to the coach after successful completion.

Many of the teams at the older age groups have or are in the process of hiring a non-parent professional coach. These coaches are usually adults that work in the area of soccer as their full-time job. Many are trainers throughout the summer and some have their own soccer training businesses. The pay for these coaches ranges anywhere from \$3000 a season to over \$10,000 a season. This fee is based on the experience of the coach and the number of times the coach will train/coach the players. When the fee is broken down each player is

paying about \$5 each time he or she sees (games/training) the coach. I feel this transition of paid coaches is a step in the right direction for our club as it can take the pressure of coaching off a parent and put it on a professional. There are many avenues the club can go through to help a team find a paid coach, if it is the direction your team wants to take. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this process.

## Girls Coaching Director

By Eric Halvorson

Let me begin with an introduction, My name is Eric Halvorson and I am the new Girls Director. I made the decision to join the Rebels Board this Fall, shortly after try-outs concluded. My family, wife Jody and 3 girls & I, have lived in Champlin since 1998. Both Jody and I have been involved in Rebels Soccer as assistant coaches or team managers since 1999. We did take one year off from the Rebels when our oldest daughters' team moved to the Maplebrook club.

My primary responsibility

and goal as the Girls Director is to help the club and coaches attract new Rebels players and to help retain those already playing. Our success as a club in achieving this goal requires the help of all member parents, coaches, and players. We all should be thinking about how we can promote the RSC. Do we know of new families in our neighborhoods that have kids looking to be on a team? Younger siblings? As part of this strategy, we look forward to improving our relationship with both the CDAA pro-

gram as well as the school teams.

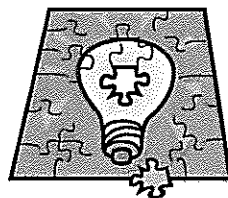
Although May seems like a long way off, it's never too late to consider signing your daughter's up for any of the numerous training sessions available at the NSC in Blaine. Staying in shape and learning some new soccer techniques might just be the perfect solution for keeping your kids busy this cold, and hopefully short, winter season.

Feel free to contact me at anytime.

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## Name Your Newsletter!

What would you like to call your newsletter? The Rebels Club is looking for a name. All members are invited to submit your ideas to the communication director. The



favorites will be placed online to be voted on. The winner will receive \$50 worth of Rebel wear. Should there be more than one person who submitted

the same winning name, a drawing will be held. Please submit your idea by April 1st, 2008. Ideas can be submitted to, Communications@rebelsoccer.net.



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## Upcoming dates to remember.....



Current board members and contact information

President-Roger Saba  
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January  
 Final club fees due

Vice-President-Gary Flanderick  
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February  
 LRSA at the NSC  
 Coaches Clinic

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Girls Director-Eric Halvorson  
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 Advisor-open

April

Coaching Director-Sue Alfini  
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Contact Roger Saba for details on the open advisor positions.