

Montclair Soccer Pitch

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Message from the President

Greetings Montclair Soccer Families;

I hope that you all had an enjoyable spring soccer season. There are loads of exiting things happening in your soccer club this summer. We hope that you will include soccer and fitness in your plans this summer. An exciting new development is the emergence of a community partnership between Montclair Soccer Club and Merritt College.

Montclair Soccer Club will be holding practices, soccer camps and hosting JLYSSL games at Merritt College beginning this summer and through the fall season as part of a community partnership between the Montclair Soccer Club and Merritt College. Montclair Soccer Club brings to the community partnership a regular source of revenue from the rental of the Merritt grass fields. We also have a well organized volunteer base to help support Merritt in refurbishment of its grass fields.

Montclair Soccer Club will be holding an Earth Day field repair for Merritt College in the winter to restore the fields during the rainy season.

Merritt College desires to raise its profile among Oakland residents and attract more students to enroll in Merritt's summer academic programs.

Montclair Soccer Club provides a natural complement to Merritt College because our membership includes high school kids who can benefit from Merritt's academic programs. Did you know that high school students living in Oakland can enroll in classes at Merritt College for free and receive credit towards graduation or receive college credit?

A big event to put on your calendar is the Montclair Soccer Club 40th Anniversary Celebration on June 13th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Shepherd Canyon. Montclair Soccer Club's generous donation of \$30,000 to the City of Oakland Shepherd Canyon Parking Lot Project will be commemorated on June 13th at a dedication ceremony that will take place during the 40th Anniversary Celebration. The delightful details of this fun event are provided in this newsletter (and attached).

Also attached is something new: an **MSC Calendar** for our busy families.

I hope to see you on June 13th at Shepherd Canyon. Have a great summer.

Warm regards, Meredith Brown,
President, Montclair Soccer Club

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 7	FC Gold Pride vs Chicago Red Stars 5:00 pm
June 8	Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm Bishop O'Dowd HS
June 13	Shepherd Canyon Dedication and MSC 40 th Celebration noon to 1:30 pm
July 5	FC Gold Pride vs St. Louis Athletica 5:00 pm
July 13	Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm Bishop O'Dowd HS
July 13-17	Fields and 24/7 Trainers available for Clippers practices to begin
July 19	FC Gold Pride vs Boston Breakers 5:00 pm
July 23	FC Gold Pride vs LA Sol 7:00 pm



Shepherd Canyon Dedication

Dear Montclair Soccer Families,

We proudly invite you to **celebrate with us on Saturday, June 13, 2009.**

What: Montclair's 40th Birthday Celebration & Shepherd Canyon Dedication

When: Saturday, **June 13**, noon to 1:30pm

Where: Shepherd Canyon Park in Oakland

Starts at Noon: Shepherd Canyon Parking Lot Dedication

Starts at 12:30: Player Appearance by Tiffeny Milbrett

Montclair Soccer has worked since 2000 to expand the parking lot at Shepherd Canyon. After 8 years of community organizing and sizable support from Montclair Soccer, it's finally done!

And if that isn't enough to cheer – we are also celebrating Montclair's 40th Anniversary. *Montclair fielded its first youth team in 1969!* **Retro 1969** is our theme. We'll have hot dogs at 1969 prices (25 cents), and fun packed activities for the kids (jumpy house, slide, raffles, more..).

Olympic Gold Medalist and World Cup Champion **Tiffeny Milbrett will make a player appearance at this event, signing autographs and taking photos with our players.** She is a world famous soccer player and role model extraordinaire (see right).

Thousands of young children in our Club have grown up playing on this little neighborhood field. Come help us dedicate Shepherd Canyon, meet World Cup Champion and 2 time Olympic Medalist Tiffeny Milbrett, and celebrate Montclair's 40 years of soccer for kids on Saturday, June 13 at noon.

Little Players get a Big Playing Field at FC Gold Pride Games

On Sunday, April 26, over 24 girls ages 5-7 from Montclair Soccer participated in the mini-exhibition game at the FC Gold Pride vs Washington Freedom at halftime. Montclair's Bald Eagles, U9 Clippers, and Fire Devils took the field at halftime to big cheers from family, friends, and soccer fans at this professional women's soccer game. These little girls stole the show! Prior to the game the teams organized a big tailgate BBQ, with everyone pitching in to make it a fun stone soup of a meal. Over 80 people from Montclair soccer attended the April 26 game.

Montclair has formed a partnership with FC Gold Pride, providing tickets at a discount (\$18 for tickets with a \$25 face value). Email vp@montclairsoccer.org to purchase tickets. On June 7 the Pride take on the Chicago Red Stars at 5:00 pm (Comcast Sports Net). Montclair Soccer players will be participating in the opening ceremony for this Sunday's game as **Away Escorts**. Eleven MSC players will escort the starting 11 professional players into the Stadium and stand with them during the national anthem at this nationally televised game!

Send an email ASAP to vp@montclairsoccer.org to sign your team up to be part of the six more home games (www.fcgoldpride.com) Day of Game Experiences: Ball Kids, Rally Tunnel, **Home Escorts (July 5)**. These professional matches are a fantastic, inspiring experience for our players.

Game	Opponent	Kick Off	Day of Game Experience
6/7	Chicago Red Stars	5:00 PM	Away Escorts, Rally Tunnel
7/5	St. Louis Athletica	5:00 PM	Home Escorts! Rally tunnel
7/19	Boston Breakers	5:00PM	Ball Kids, Rally Tunnel
7/23	Los Angeles Sol	7:00 PM	Ball Kids, Rally tunnel
8/1	Washington Freedom	3:00 PM	Ball kids, Rally Tunnel
8/9	St. Louis Athletica	3:00 PM	Rally Tunnel

Tiffeny Milbrett to Appear at Shepherd Canyon Dedication

Tiffeny Milbrett is a world famous female soccer player who has accumulated 206 caps with the US National Team and has scored 100 goals. In 2001 and 2002, she was the Chevrolet Player of the Year for US Soccer. She is in the top five all-time in the United States national soccer team in three offensive categories: caps, goals and points (261).

In 1996, she became a starter for the team that won the 1996 Olympic gold medal in Atlanta and she scored the game winning goal in the gold medal game against China.

In 1999, she was the goal leader on the USA team that won the World Cup, and in 2000 she helped the team capture a silver medal at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Whether she is playing in the Olympics or signing autographs for her adoring fans, Tiffeny does it with energy and love. She has given much back to the game and continues to encourage young soccer players everywhere to follow their dreams.



Olympic Development Program Tryouts

2009 tryouts for the District IV OPD (Olympic Development Program) will be held June 7 and June 14. OPD, which is open to all players at the district level, provides the ultimate experience and training for the players selected. District IV ODP players compete against players from other districts within CYSA-North, ultimately leading to the selection of State, regional and national ODP players.

A qualified & experienced group of coaches will lead 2009 ODP District teams. Anyone interested in trying out for ODP should refer to the CYSA website: http://www.district4soccer.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=87&Itemid=34.

Coaches:

- 97 Girls: Garry Agnew - USSF A License, UEFA B License
- 96 Girls: Rob Busa - NSCAA Advanced National Diploma, FA C License
- 95 Girls: Mark Nutter - NSCAA Premier Diploma, UEFA B License
- 94 Girls: Manish Doshi - USSF B License, NSCAA Advanced National Diploma, CYSA Instructor
- 97 Boys: Steve Shott - NSCAA Premier Diploma, District 4 Coaching Director, CYSA Staff instructor, Coerver Staff Coach
- 96 Boys: Dan Chubbock - NSCAA Advanced National Diploma, FA C License
- 95 Boys: Don Vilella - NSCAA National Diploma
- 94 Boys: David Barrett - NSCAA Advanced National Diploma, FA C License
- Goalkeeper Coaches - Chris Doyle, Daniel Waters

Tryout dates:

- 97 Boys: June 7th - 9-10:30am, June 14th - 4-6pm
- 96 Boys: June 7th - 11am-1pm, June 14th - 1:30-3:30pm
- 95 Boys: June 7th - 1:30-3:30pm, June 14th - 11am-1pm
- 94 Boys: June 7th - 4-6pm, June 14th - 9-10:30am
- 97 Girls: June 7th - 9-10:30am, June 14th - 4-6pm
- 96 Girls: June 7th - 11am-1pm, June 14th - 1:30-3:30pm
- 95 Girls: June 7th - 1:30-3:30pm, June 14th - 11am-1pm
- 94 Girls: June 7th - 4-6pm, June 14th - 9-10:30am

All tryouts will take place at Stonebrae Elementary School in Hayward. 28761 Hayward Blvd, Hayward, 94542

MSC U12 Boys Clippers Place 3rd in El Cerrito FC's 7v7 Jamboree

In the first of the semifinals the Montclair Clippers showed a strong performance that saw them keep a clean sheet and run in four against the Leopards. This victory would prove critical ensuring a points lead over the Barracudas, who went down in the next semifinal to the Tigers.

With Clippers and Earthquakes split by just a single point after their set of games, organizers arranged for a playoff to decide who would collect the third place medals, preferring to let the players decide rather than the score cards. In an exciting finale for both teams, the Montclair boys were rewarded for their trip to Berkeley with medals and a victory that was celebrated long and loud.



Coaching Courses Offered This Summer

Several Coaching courses will be offered this summer. For more information, please see the CYSA website: http://www.cysanorth.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=148&Itemid=209

Date	Location	Contact	Telephone
F License Courses:			
6/12/2009	Oakland	Sarah Weld	(510) 658-3258
7/10/2009	Castro Valley	Andy Hulbert	(510) 861-3917
E License Courses			
6/12/2009	Oakland	Sarah Weld	(510) 658-3258
7/17/2009	Castro Valley	Andy Hulbert	(510) 861-3917

U19 Girls Clippers Host Car Wash Fundraiser

Last Sunday, the U19 Girls Clippers team had our first fundraiser ever: a car wash. We washed and dried cars, and marketed (i.e. talked people into getting their cars washed). We BBQ'd hot dogs and had a great time together. We will use the money we raised to pay for one of our tournaments. This may not seem out of the ordinary. However, this is the first fundraiser we have had in the five years I have coached the U19Girls Clippers.

The older Clipper teams are reluctant to do fundraisers because we haven't needed to raise money in previous years! But this year, because the club is not paying for tournaments, we found we had to do something to raise money, or contribute the money ourselves. We followed the example of the younger Clipper teams and we earned a part of our soccer experience!

This is a very busy time of year for these players. The U19 players have final exams to study for, graduations of siblings to attend, commitments to play in the orchestra (at graduations), and, of course, birthday parties! We still managed to have ten players work the car wash, Elena Ramos, Tasia Robbins, Kayla Scott, Simone Tolmie, Sydney Paderna, Sarah Dutchover, Carmen Antaky, Faith Dickerson, Olivia Ruiz, and Naseem Rad. Parents who washed cars included Kaveh Rad, Steve Rice, Daniel Robbins, Dwight Dickerson, and coaches Ray Eisenberg and Doug Kreiss. The car wash was organized by Genevieve Antaky and Kathy Dees.

Tournaments are one of the most enjoyable parts of competitive soccer. Today we found that working together fund raising is another great team building activity! The car wash was such a success, we are planning to have another one to pay for our second tournament!

Free Community Event: Sport Speed Lecture

Learn the training secrets that will make you faster than you've ever been before at this free community lecture presented by Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland's Sports Medicine Center for Young Athletes.

Monday, June 8, 2009 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Children's Hospital Oakland
Outpatient Center Auditorium

Guest Speakers:

Jamie Faison, ATC, CSCS
Athletic Trainer, Certified

David Arakawa, MPT, CSCS, YFSII
Senior Physical Therapist

Q&A to follow:

Athletes, parents, and coaches are invited to interact with the Sports Medicine Team in a Question & Answer session that follows the presentation.

For more information and to register, see
www.childrenshospitaloakland.org/upcoming_events.asp

Sport Speed Camp

Hosted by Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland's Sports Medicine Center for Young Athletes, at Sport Speed Camp you will learn and put into practice the Five Pillars of SPEED Training

- FLEXIBILITY
- STABILITY
- STRENGTH
- POWER
- SPEED

Date: June 15, 2009- June 26, 2009

2 week session, Monday- Friday

Time: 2 PM- 4 PM

Location: Derby Field

Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Derby St.

RSVP: Sports Medicine Center, 510-428-3558, option 3

Space limited to 25 athletes. Please call to reserve your spot.

Wear appropriate attire for training purposes and weather conditions. Bring water and sun block.

Cost for Clinic: \$250 Per Athlete

For more information and to register, see

www.childrenshospitaloakland.org/upcoming_events.asp

24-7 Summer Camps 2009

24-7 UK Soccer Academy has 7 weeks of summer camps running as well as an advanced camp that will be running in conjunction with Robbie Earl and Premier Coaching International. To support families, our summer camps have both half day and full day options.

Our fully qualified team aims to enhance and develop both soccer skills and understanding of the game of soccer, within a fun but safe environment.

SUMMER CAMPS:

June 22nd – June 26th (Canyon Middle School – Castro Valley)
 July 6th – July 10th (Canyon Middle School – Castro Valley)
 July 13th – July 17th (Merritt College – Oakland)
 July 20th – July 24th (Canyon Middle School – Castro Valley)
 August 3rd – August 7th (Canyon Middle School – Castro Valley)
 August 3rd – August 7th (Merritt College – Oakland)
 August 17th – August 21st (Canyon Middle School – Castro Valley)

More information on these camps including prices and early sign-up discounts can be found at our website: <http://www.24-7uksocceracademy.com/camps/seasonal.html>

24-7 UK Soccer Academy are also excited to announce that an advanced camp will take place the week of July 27th-31st at Stonebrae Elementary School in Hayward. This camp will be conducted by Robbie Earle who is an ex EPL player for Wimbledon FC. Robbie scored Jamaicas first ever world cup goal in the 1998 FIFA world cup. More information can be found about Robbie Earle at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbie_Earle

To sign up for any of the courses/camps then please fill out an online application form:

<http://www.247uksocceracademy.com/component/chronocontact/?chronoforname=247CampRegistrationForm3>

If you have any questions please contact Andy Hulbert at 510-861-3916 or email info@24-7uksocceracademy.com. See you on the field!

24-7 UK Soccer Academy

CAL Soccer Camps for Girls 2009

JUNIOR/COLLEGE ID ACADEMY

Dates: July 12-16 (Sunday-Thursday)
 Ages: 11-18
 Rates: Overnight \$650
 Day Camp \$510

GOALKEEPER/STRIKER CAMP

Dates: July 11-12 (Saturday, Sunday)
 Ages: 6-18
 Times: 9:00am-3:00pm
 Rate: \$185

FULL & HALF DAY CAMPS

Dates: June 22-26 (Monday-Friday)
 June 29-July 3
 July 6-10
 July 20-24

Ages: Half: 5-10 Full: 7-15
 Times: Half: 9:00am-12:00pm
 Full: 9:00am-4:00pm
 Rates: Half: \$195 Full: \$325

For more info or to register, see www.calbears.com/camps/cal-camps

Bladium Camps

Week 1 – June 22 – 26

Week 2 – July 20 – 24

Week 3 – August 17 - 21

Time: 9am to 1pm

Ages: 6-16

Rates: \$199 per week

15% sibling discount

10% discount to Bladium members

Additional 10% discount for booking 3 or more camps at the same time

Lunch not included

Early drop off at 8am available

Camp T-shirt included

For more info and registration, see:

<http://www.bladium.com/SportFitnessActivities.aspx?FacilityID=5&CompanyID=1&ActivityCode=16&dfc=27>

or call 510-814-4999 x120

16 & up interested in CIT opportunities, contact Luis Orrellana at the Bladium

Be a Part of Professional Soccer

Montclair gets to have 11 Youth Escorts for the Home Team for the big game against Hope Solo on July 5! Youth Escorts get to walk alongside the professional players as they enter the field, escorting them onto the field during opening ceremonies and standing in front of them during the national anthem. It is the most high profile and exciting participation a youth player can have in a match

Your team or player can also be Ball Kids at one of the 7/19, 7/23, 8/1 games, or be in the Rally Tunnel. Email vp@montclairsoccer.org to sign up.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The Montclair Soccer Pitch is a once-a-month newsletter for members of the Montclair Soccer Club community. This newsletter is our primary communication mechanism for information and announcements. However, we will continue to use email to disseminate time-critical information.

The newsletter will include such content as open volunteer positions, recruiting coaches or players, upcoming events, referee news and information, tournament results, and general interest local soccer news.

Submit news items and announcements by the 24th of each month to newsletter@montclairsoccer.org. Items should be as complete as possible and include appropriate contact information. Most articles should be limited to a couple of paragraphs.

About Our Organization...

We generally meet on the second Monday of each month. Meeting changes are always reflected in our online calendar.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. They are a good opportunity to find ways to help make a difference within our Club.

Our meetings take place at Bishop O'Dowd in the Dominican Hall Board Room. Bishop O'Dowd is at 9500 Stearns Ave (1580 to Golf Links Rd exit; continue on 98th Ave up the hill to Stearns Ave; right to campus entrance). The Dominican Hall Board Room is the first building inside the gate on the left just past the chapel. There will signs directing you to the meeting room on the first floor. Park anywhere.