



WELCOME TO THE PALO ALTO SOCCER CLUB

PASC Picnic Recap and Planned Spring Picnic

The highlight of the picnic had to be the Players vs Coaches game. It seemed if the players could keep it close into the second half, they had a chance to tire out the coaches. Sure enough the game was a draw and went to PKs. It was still knotted up after the first 5 PKs. Finally, on the 8th PK, a fantastic save and a fine finish by the players, made the players the champions. The coaches will be out to avenge the defeat and it is sooner than you think.

After all of the positive feedback following the October PASC Picnic, we decided having the next one could not be soon enough. We also felt having the picnic right after the Tall Trees Tournament was too stressful for the organization and with early sunset, it did not provide enough time for families to linger.



Game On

Therefore, please mark your calendars for the annual Cinco de Mayo PASC Picnic. This year it will be scheduled on May 1.



Keeping Score at the Players vs Parents Picnic



Coaches Recovering at Halftime

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Players Strategizing at Halftime with Coach Nick

WELCOME NEW COACHES AND NEW TEAMS

Seven new teams including three joining us from local clubs and 5 new coaches are joining PASC:

➤ New Team: Girls U14 o1G Blue

Coach Yang Zhou, former captain of Chinese Women's National Team

➤ New Team: Girls U12 o3G Black

Welcome back Coach Jennifer Ruiz Williams, former player of Mexican Women's National Team

➤ New Team: Boys U9 o6B Black

Coach Miguel Esparza

➤ New Team: Boys U9 o6B Green

Coach Emilio Esparza

➤ New Team: Girls U7 o8G Blue

Coach Miguel Esparza

➤ New Team: Boys U7 o8B Blue

Coach Jim Mackay

➤ New Team: Boys U7 o8B White

Coach Alan Cairns

➤ New Coaches

Yang Zhou

Terry Wilson

Jennifer Ruiz Williams

Anton Kavanagh

Alan Cairns

Family Satisfaction Survey

Thanks to everyone who filled out the PASC Family Satisfaction Survey. As the first survey that has been done in over 5 years, the primary goal was to baseline where PASC stands in the view of our members. This will help guide decisions on programs and policies and most importantly help us measure the impact of new programs and policies.

It was heartening to find that the membership is quite pleased with the Club and their coaches. Of course there were areas of improvement that the DOCs and the Club is identifying to better serve the membership.

Board Planning Retreat

As is often the case in any organization, monthly meetings are taken up by the urgent issues of the month. PASC meetings over the past six months have been dominated by the new season, DOC transitions, Board member transitions, Tall Trees Tournament, PASC Picnic, Tryouts, new team formation.

We realized we needed some planning meetings to consider longer term plans and objectives. The board met for 15 hours on Friday January 9 and Saturday January 10. We reviewed our messaging including our mission statement and core values, we brainstormed regarding family objectives and how they varied by age, gender, and team level. We then updated policies keeping those varied objectives in mind and started working on updates to our messages and core values that are consistent with the family objectives. We finalized the family satisfaction survey to help us further validate our assumptions. We also used the time to interview candidates for the Girls DOC position. All in all, it was a very productive set of meetings that should help us over the course of the next year.

Director of Coaching Update

Rodrigo Baptista has dived right into the Co-DOC role for the Girls Program with great energy and ideas to grow the program complementing Ian Drury on the Boys side. A Girls Training Academy, College Night and Summer Camp program are in the works

Girls Training Academy

Jennifer Ruiz Williams, former Mexican National Team player returns to PASC and will lead the successful Friday Training Academy she led before going to Mexico. Stay tuned for more information.

PASC Summer Camps

In addition to various team camps, PASC is planning two weeks of Summer Soccer Camps that will be open to PASC and non-PASC players. Invite friends to join the fun.

More PASC Picnic Photos



Tied after Regulation



Watching the PKs



Players Win on PKs

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PLAYERS
SELECTED FOR PDP AND ODP TEAMS
AND THE ID2 ARGENTINA TOUR**

PDP and ODP are free programs and provide additional training. Participation for tryouts is often via nomination from the participating club.

➤ **2000 Girls ODP State / PDP**

- Julia Wang
- Josephine Cotto
- Hailey Smith
- Laura Fuentes

➤ **2001-2003 Boys PDP/IDP Group**

- Jesus Esparza
- Jose Luis Rivera
- Diego Luna
- Jesus Morales (03'-04' Roster)

➤ **1999 ODP Boys Travel Team**

- Joe Montero

Jesus Esparza, 2001 IDP, with PASC since U8, was additionally selected as one of 18 nationally for the ID2 Argentina Tour. Go to US Club Soccer for more information:

<http://www.usclubsoccer.org/2015/01/27/id2-national-selection-roster-for-argentina-announced/>

Josephine traveled to ODP State Championships in Arizona and ODP National Camp in Florida.

Laura Fuentes was recently invited and participated in the US Soccer Federation Training Center.

College Night

Tentatively set for April 28, area college coaches will be discussing the process and answering questions about playing soccer in college. This will be targeted for PASC college showcase teams in the U14-U18 age groups. Information will be sent when the details are finalized.

Tryouts

November / December tryouts were a success introducing PASC to over 100 players. Many of these joined to form new teams or strengthen existing teams. As needed, additional formal or informal tryouts will occur in May to help with specific teams or age groups.

Keep in mind that it is helpful to the age group to have at least three full teams. The same age group teams often train at the same time and location and players sometimes guest play for other teams in our club. We want our players to be enriched by many coaches over the course of their youth soccer experience. Player movement between teams is appropriate and part of a healthy age group.



Winter YDP, Girls Program

Winter YDP is in full swing with over 100 participants. This session, Coach Ken introduced a separate Girls Program. PASC and Coach Ken believed this would be a better way to attract and keep girls interested long enough so they love soccer. Let your friends know that YDP provides a great environment for both girls and boys.

Field Update

The new turf project at Mayfield fortunately was delayed and instead of a January and February closure, the current city plan is for a June project. We were scrambling to find alternatives and while we know it is a little crowded, we feel lucky to have retained Mayfield for the Winter. Next Winter, the City should have new turf fields at Mayfield and one more at El Camino Park.

As you must have noticed, Cubberley grass fields were in poor shape towards the end of the Fall season. The reality is that the amount of use being put into the fields goes beyond the maintenance program provided by the City. We are investigating ideas to bring more resources to these fields so they can continue to support our growing programs.

Thanks,
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