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Election Edition -Ballot Issue

Just like other more famous elections, RPSL also holds its election in November. As was explained in our last *Newsletter*, each year one half of the Board is up for election. This year the following positions were available: Vice President, Treasurer, Instructional Representative, Secretary, Field Representative, Equipment Representative, and the Younger Age Group Coaches Representative.

Unfortunately, we only have volunteer candidates for four of the positions. The By-laws require that we hold an election. This is the election although each of the four volunteer candidates is running unopposed. The RPSL Board sincerely appreciates those individuals who have volunteered of their time for the next two years. However, we strongly encourage the rest of you in the Rohnert Park soccer family to become involved. It is a wonderful way to become involved in the community and to help young children. Parents we need volunteers in order to continue to be able to provide a quality soccer experience for our children. The positions which do not have candidates are: Treasurer, Field Representative and Instructional Representative. Additionally, for the past year we have been functioning without a full time Referee Representative.

Our Constitution and By-Laws require that we publish a statement by each candidate for office. These statements are contained below. Each family is permitted one vote. You may vote by submitting the ballot by mail to the RPSL Post Office Box 1656, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, or by delivering the ballot to the **November 14th** RPSL Board meeting. The Board meeting in November begins at 7:00 and all ballots must be received before the start of the meeting. All RPSL meetings are held at the Girls and Boys Club, 7450 Santa Barbara Drive.

Candidate Information Statements

Vice President. Mark Bleeker

I was the RPSL Division 3 Coordinator from 2003 -2005. I have worked with the Board members on a consistent basis since 2003 and have a good understanding of the requirements and responsibilities that come with the Vice President position. I am looking forward to the challenges. My goals include updating and expanding the RPSL website, improved field access and maintenance and I would also work towards better publicity for the League.

Secretary. Ginny Ruhl.

I have been a member in good standing of the Rohnert Park Soccer League since 1989. My participation has been as a parent of both recreational and Division 3 players and as a member of the RPSL Board since 1996. I am the volunteer director of the Division 3 Halloween Tournament . I have been the League Secretary since 1996. I understand the duties of the position and will serve for the two year term.

Equipment Representative. Barry Comerford.

I have held the position of Equipment Representative for the last eight years, and feel that I am able to carry out the duties of this position. As the Equipment Representative, I have upgraded our equipment to include new balls, portable goals, paint and field striping machines soccer nets and new style portable goals purchased in conjunction with the Rohnert Park Parks and Recreation Department. I have also acquired the Trophies for our recreational team champions;

Younger Coaches Representative. Ed Chasco.

I have held this position for the past 3 years and would like to run for the next two years. I am aware of the commitment and the details of the position. I enjoy helping the young players, parents and coaches. I feel this age group needs need the most guidance of any age level. I have great customer service skills and I am able to apply those skills when interacting with the players, parents and the coaches.

Last Halloween Tournament ?

Our Division 3 Halloween Classic Tournament has been recognized for years as one of the premier late season Tournaments. In a sense, it has become a victim of its own success. It is time to expand to inviting 8 teams per gender/age group rather than 6. This is the traditional format for most Tournaments. However, even if we don't expand, we face two serious challenges every year, lack of qualified referees and fields. Because Sonoma always has a tournament the same weekend which draws from the same referee pool we can't get enough high level referees for a larger tournament. The other limitation is the number of fields available for the older age groups which participate in the tournament. We already have to hold shorten games and play under the lights. If a field becomes unplayable due to late season rains, we have no field in reserve. The solution is to create two smaller tournaments (one for the boys and one for the girls) where neither the fields or the referees would be an issue. We have a volunteer to coordinate the girls tournament on Halloween weekend. The league feels it would be unfair to sponsor a tournament only for one gender. Without someone volunteering to coordinate a boys tournament on one of the August or September weekends, we will regrettfully discontinue our Division 3 Tournament

City Cup Results

This years City Cup was a tremendous success. It produced some of the most closely contested and exciting games of recent memory. Our Congratulations goes out to The Under 12 Boys Champions, the Pumas who defeated the Jaguars 3 to 0. In the U-12 Girls side, the Storm defeated the Lightening Bolts 2 to 0.

In the Under 10's Girls Championship Game in Flight A the Hotshots defeated the Fire -bolts in a PK shoot out after two overtimes. The score was 1 to 1 before the shootout. In the girls Championship Flight B, the Wildcats defeated the Pink panthers 2-0.

On the Boys side, The Lightening Bolts and the Scorpions were also tied 1-1 after two overtimes. In the PK shoot out, the "Bolts" prevailed.

Great job to all.

Tournament Results for September

The League would like to congratulate the Rohnert park Buccaneers for their second place finish in the Sonoma Honey Invitational Tournament for Division 4 teams. The Buccaneers are a U-16 Boys team. Great

job, men!

The League would also like to congratulate the Rohnert Park Inferno Under 14 girls team for their second place finish in the Annual Fall Classic Division 3 Tournament in Benicia. The Inferno has achieved a remarkable record in placing in 3 tournaments this year considering that only 4 of its players are in the older half of the age group. Well done ladies.

Picture Day Help

For the second year our annual Picture Day at the University of Sports was a resounding success. The Rohnert Park Soccer League greatly appreciates the generous donation of the University of Sports indoor soccer field for our Picture Day. As a result, there are no more pictures of children squinting with the sun in their eyes. Players and siblings all had a great time thanks to the jumpers, food and gift bags. Our thanks goes out to the many sponsors who had a booth and made a donation to the League. Please support these businesses, as their time and contribution helped support the 1300 players in our League.

Coaches will receive the your player's team pictures after the team's equipment has been turned in for the season.