

## A Message from the President

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**'Futbol is life!'** We all learned that from Ted Lasso. Is it? I think it is. Because if you are reading this email, then right now, 'Futbol'/Soccer is life for you. Training, games, team events, emails, TeamSnap messages, dirty laundry, making sure the folding chairs are in the trunk and water bottles filled, texting family & friends the game times, and so much more. Believe it or not, it is worth it!

Here is why. Looking back, I do not remember the fatigue, the wins, losses, the stress finding shin guards, the jersey, or navigating to the fields. What I remember are the people and how it felt to be part of something, week in and week out... this is what I refer to as the **JOURNEY**. There are so many moments that I once thought were pivotal but those have all fizzled from my 47 year old brain. Instead, I cherish and recall the friendships, the team parties, the laughter, the tough moments and the lessons learned. I ask myself often if I made the right decision to spend so much time on the field, coaching, and off the field, volunteering for the club. My family invested time & money, sacrificed vacations, family events, weekend getaways, all for the game of soccer. Then I realized recently that it was not a sacrifice at all, it was an investment in our kids. And that realization only comes with perspective, because you can only review something in hindsight, not while you are in the thick of things.

This sentiment is echoed by both my boys who thank my wife Sandy and I often for giving them their 'Futbol/Soccer life'. Both have grown into humble, respectful, hard working, and intelligent young men (yes, I 'm biased) but I truly believe that the game of soccer is what helped shape them. And Roseville Soccer is the community that made it all possible. The people, the philosophy, the **JOURNEY**. So, as we embark into another weekend of games, please take my advice and don't sweat the little things, like disagreeing with a call by the ref, or your team conceding a goal late in the game. Instead, do your part in making sure that players have a smile on their face **BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER** the game. Take photos, videos, organize an event after the game, celebrate the team, be silly, laugh and enjoy the time catching up with friends on the sideline. Ignore the score because it is so insignificant in the grand scheme of things, the **JOURNEY WILL BE THE RESULT**.

As always, **THANK YOU** for being part of Roseville Soccer, and part of this amazing community. Remember to thank and appreciate our volunteer coaches, our volunteer board members, the countless referees, field liners, field equipment volunteers, for all of them play their part in creating your **'FUTBOL LIFE!'**

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