

LOYALHANNA UNITED PLAYS AT NEW SOCCER PARK

Loyalhanna United Soccer Club began in November 1998 with a vision to improve the soccer programs available to youth players in eastern Westmoreland County. Several small clubs from Derry, Ligonier and Latrobe offered in-house/recreational soccer programs but limited programs for older players, travel soccer and higher level training.

Loyalhanna United Soccer Club joined PA West Soccer in the fall of 1999 with two Sunday travel teams. These teams practiced and played home games at The Rotary Community Park in Youngstown, PA. Over the years the field usage at Rotary Park increased due to the addition of local school programs and the tenfold increase in Loyalhanna United Soccer Club's membership. This created a field use and scheduling challenge that many communities across the country have experienced.

The need for a soccer specific site in the area was clear. Board members have been networking with community leaders, foundations, and local corporations since the late 90's in an effort to develop soccer fields. In 2001 a potential site was discovered and the club moved forward in securing the rights to the land for soccer field development.

In the summer of 2003, major site work began at a reclaimed stone quarry in Youngstown, PA. The plan included constructing four fields using off site soil and turf type grass varieties preferred by soccer players. The fields can be lined to any size appropriate for U-10, U-11, U-12, high school, and USSF specifications. Due to the typical fall and spring weather in western Pennsylvania, the fields are crowned and have surface drains to quickly remove rainwater.

Loyalhanna United Soccer Club introduced the fields to over 350 visitors from the community at a grand opening ceremony on August 22, 2004. Seven PA West Soccer travel teams, fifty-four PA West Soccer in-house players and two adult teams now use the fields for practices and games. In the spring of 2005, we anticipate that thirteen travel teams, seventy-five PA West Soccer in-house players and two adult teams will call Loyalhanna Soccer Park their home.

The Loyalhanna Soccer Club looks forward to seeing visiting teams at the Loyalhanna Soccer Park in upcoming seasons.

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Front (left to right) Jared Buzzard, An Dipko, Brain Koerber, Mark Valenzula, Middle (left to right) Frankie Gregg, John Swarts, Cameron Krause, and Andrew C Coaches (left to right) Doug Swarts, Sec way

YOUTH BOARD FIVE REAPPOINTE BOARD PO

With the start of a new playing season, required to appoint five positions on the October 13, 2004 meeting of the Youth Board obligation by reappointing five members. The Youth Board confirmed the reappointments.

The five reappointments were Debby ment Director, Kelly Genard - State Cup (Hearing and Appeals Chair), Bill Capre Phil Kossler (Secretary).

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Genard returns to chair her fourth State Cup as Cup Chair with the 2002 Snickers Cup. Schwoeble will continue as Hearing and Appeals Chair.

Fill the void created by Stu Benson's election.