



## **(Unofficial\*) History of the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Soccer Club**

The Lynbrook Soccer Club was founded in 1987. Founding members met through the Winter of 1986 and fielded their first Intramural and Travel Teams in the Fall of 1987. There were 5 Travel Teams and 125 Intramural players during that season.

The founding members were:

- Donald Ferranti – President
- Paul Sciortino – Vice President
- Vincent Buonaspina – Treasurer
- Francis Lorenzini – Secretary
- Lawrence Marra & George McClusky – Board Members

These individuals were granted lifetime membership in the Soccer Club in recognition of their extensive work in organizing the Club.

Funding for the initial season was provided by the Lynbrook Youth Athletic Association. Robert & Greg Becker initiated the proposal to assist in the formation of the soccer club to take the place of the Lynbrook Titans Football Program, which had been disbanded. In its inaugural Travel Soccer season, the Club fielded 5 teams under the Lynbrook/East Rockaway name. In the subsequent season, the Club changes it's name to the Lynbrook Soccer Club and was given the right to play its home games at Greis Park.

The Club continued to grow, and by 1992, five years after it's founding, fielded 8 Travel teams in both Boys and Girls Divisions. The Intramural program grew to over 200 participants.

In the early '90s, the Club began to emphasize a coaching development, and reorganized its Intramural Program to a small team/small field format.

In 1993, Richard Lazellotti was elected President, and the Club continued to thrive.

In 1999, the Lynbrook Soccer Club and the East Rockaway Soccer Club merged, forming the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Soccer Club, and grew to over 400 participants.

In 1999, there were 13 Board Members:

- Al Risorto & Edie Mandel – Co-Presidents
- Rick Cavallero – Treasurer
- Chuck Burkett – Secretary
- Francis Lorenzini – Registrar
- Mike Demao – Assistant Registrar
- Carlos Perez & Al Risorto – Field Scheduling & Permit Coordinators
- Rich Amato, Gerry Denk & Roy Sullo - Equipment Managers
- Rick Brethel - Referee Scheduler
- Rick Brethel & Mario Poletti - Travel Captains
- Edie Mandel, Fran Sullo, Joanne Lewin-Jacus - Intramural Captains

Since 1999, the size of the Club has continuously grown at a moderate pace to its present size as noted below.

In 2006, the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Soccer Club consists of the following:

- 12 Travel Teams, ages U10 through U17 = Total of 130 players
- 38 Intramural Teams (K through 4<sup>th</sup> Grades) + 8 Intertown Teams (5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades) = Total of 556 Players
- Total Number of Players in the Club = 686.

Currently, there are 12 Board Members:

- Guy Punzi – President
- Joanne Lewin-Jacus – Chairman
- Mary Beth Lithen – Vice President of Intramural
- Jimmy Pinto – Vice President of Travel
- Scott Robinson – Vice President of Equipment
- Theresa McCarty – Vice President of Facilities
- Cindy Perez – Treasurer
- Joanne Lewin-Jacus – Secretary
- Guy Punzi – Registrar
- Carlos Perez – Director of Travel
- Carlos Ospina, Rich Ford, Nainesh Shah – Intramural Coordinators
- Carlos Perez - Referee Scheduler