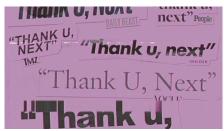


New Year, Who Dis?

Nah, we know you didn't forget about us since our last *Special Edition PTown Issue...* in fact, you probably missed us so much that you were looking for us on NYE when the ball dropped. We're flattered... and we hope your New Year's Resolutions include being more involved with the Strikers. But before we kick off 2019, we thought it would be cute to recap 2018... so here we go:

- The Strikers repped Boston in a number of tournaments across the WORLD, including the Albany Blizzard Cup (1st and 3rd place), New York City Whitmore Indoor Classic, and the Paris Gay Games
- We took home the title in some of our local Boston Ski and Sports Club (BSSC) leagues (7v7, 11v11)
- WIG! The PTown Classic gave us long-lasting memories with over 90 registered players and guests. Mickey finally won the Hot Mess Award, Hunter became our newest Chicken, and Bubble Soccer was a huge success little flat
- We walked in Boston Pride again with our giant soccer ball (R.I.P.), played golf with our feet, and crawled some bars in onesies.
- And we finally became an official 501(c)(3) Non Profit.

2018... it's been real, but like our girl Ari says...



...in this edition















So cheers, queers! Keep on reading to see what the start of 2019 has in store for us. And don't forget to check out some Strikers housekeeping items on the last page. K thanks love ya byeeee!

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Quit Playing Games with my Heart... But keep playing with the Strikers

Winter Indoor League <u>Register Here</u>

Every Saturday @ Teamworks in Revere, MA from 3pm-5pm Our first of two sessions is well underway but we switch it up for session two and registration is officially open (yes, all session 1 players must also register again). Session 2 runs early February through the end of March for 8 weeks of soccer... it's a great way to get some exercise in for those new years resolutions y'all are going to end up breaking (like when I said I would do dry January but downed a bottle of wine on January 4th). Details and registration are on our website.

• Spring and Summer Soccer

It's never too early to start thinking about switching from grey sweatpants to speedos once the warmer weather hits... the PTown Inn swimming pool, Planters Punch, beach days, boat daddies... oh wait, let's get back on track.

Every Sunday @ Danehy Park in Cambridge, MA from 2pm-4pm

Sunday soccer picks back up towards the end of April - drills, skills, and thrills! Stay on the lookout for exact dates and spread the word. And we LOVE newbies (re: fresh meat) Every Wednesday @ Rotch in the South End from 8pm-9:30pm

Under the lights 7v7 is the name of the game for Wednesdays come May... our most popular league (maybe it's because of the drinks at Cathy's after?) so it's one you don't want to miss!

Get in loser, we're going... to some tourneys!

• Las Vegas Sin City Classic January 19th - 20th We are sending our first ever team to the Sin City Classic this year and can't wait to tell everyone about it... except, What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas. Sooooo... we'll just say we won now and no-one will ever know!

• Albany Blizzard Cup February 16th. Register Here

Our sisters from another mister, bros from some other hoes, queens from another dream, well, you get the idea.... The Albany Empire soccer club is hosting their 6th annual Blizzard Cup and we are hella excited to defend the title. TBH - the tournament is a lot of fun and includes opening parties (where those girls try to sabotage us with drinks), a banquet, and lots of dancing (Waterworks... idk what it even looks like inside). Sign up on the Albany Empire website and select the Boston Strikers as your team. Early bird registration ends January 13th!

NOTE: a block of rooms have been reserved by Albany at a discounted rate through 1/16/2019. Full tournament details can be found at the website above.





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Dear Daddy...

Dear Daddy,

It's a new year and I have some resolutions that I am trying to stick to. What are some good tips to keeping them? Sincerely, Just the Tip

Dear Mr. Tip,

One of my fave things to do is watch people post resolutions in January and then watch them crash and burn on their own stories by February! So for my first tip - if you're going to post about them, you better work bitch.

Second tip - make them realistic. Don't make a resolution to win the lottery - instead, opt for trying to find a rich daddy this year. If you haven't been to the gym in 2018, don't say you're going to go every day of 2019. Alternative: find a rich daddy named Jim and see him everyday. If you're too cheap to renew your passport, don't resolve to backpack across Europe; instead get a rich daddy to fly you places in the US.

Third tip (okay, at this point we're far past just the tip...) - make them fun and not a chore. It's like foreplay... no-one likes it unless you bring out the hand cuffs and blindfolds.

Love, A Rich and Single Daddy available to help reach your resolutions

PS. If you're doing dry January but no-one sees you self-self-indulging in a bottle of red Wednesday but don't post it on Insta, did you really break the resolution? If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a sound?



In Memoriam

Former Boston Striker Mark Patrick McGrath, Esq. of Beacon Hill, formerly of South Boston and Southhampton passed away peacefully November 5, 2018. Mark graduated from UMASS Amherst in 1986, and from the Northeastern University School of Law in 1996. Mark was an avid New England sports fan and an athlete who played multiple sports at a high level. Mark was an attorney and avidly followed politics and worked hard for LGBT rights.

Mark is in the halls of fame for The Beantown Softball League (LGBT softball) and Boston Gay Basketball League. He joined the Strikers for the Gay Games III (1990) in Vancouver starting at midfield.

John Natale recounts, "I have fond memories of Mark in the early years of the Strikers. He was a great teammate and such a good player. At the first Gay Games we attended in Vancouver, Mark was an outstanding player."

Natale added, "As the years went by I would run into Mark around Boston and he would always greet me with a loud friendly 'How are you, Coach?' This was his kind and friendly manner always bringing a comfort to those who he considered his friend." Even after Mark had stopped playing soccer, he continued to be part of the club refereeing indoor soccer.

Mark's time on the Strikers was short but

memorable, and though he will be missed, he will always be remembered.

Thank you for reading this edition of the Ball Street Journal. With each future publication, we hope to better inform you of all things Boston Strikers related. If you have any comments, feedback, or ideas for future newsletters, please contact: Daniel Hackenson at dhackenson@gmail.com

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