



SCOR Newsletter

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What's Happening in SCOR Now: Dates & Deadlines

SCOR Summer Camp Signup Now!

SCOR is sponsoring three weeks of summer camp: August 3-7, August 10-14 and August 17-21 at Tiger Hollow in Ridgefield. The SCOR-sponsored Summer Soccer Camps provide first-class coaching, facilities and organization.

SCOR Director of Coaching Phil Bergen and his Team Excel staff are prepared and qualified to facilitate an excellent learning environment for youth players of all ages and levels. Register at www.teamexcelsoccer.com or www.scor.org.

Reach out to Phil at philbergen@teamexcelsoccer.com for questions or more information.

Fall 2015 Travel Registration & Tryouts Still Open

All current, former and new players the Travel Program must register in order to be evaluated and considered for placement for the Fall 2015 Season by June 15 ([click here to register](#)).

For rising 4th graders, U10 tryouts can be attended on Sunday, June 7th from 5-6:30 (girls) and 6:30-8:00 (boys) at Diniz "A" field. Rain date for U10 is Sunday, June 14th.

For rising 5th to 8th graders, U11 to U14 tryouts are being held in the Tuesday and Thursday training sessions on June 9 and 11 on Onalfo & Diniz fields. Rain date for U11-14 is June 16th & 18th. Check the SCOR website for specific fields and times.

If your child is not a current Spring 2015 Travel player or Academy III player, please contact the **SCOR Registrar** to make arrangements to attend one of the training sessions for an evaluation.

Fall 2015 House & Academy Registration Officially Opens

SCOR's House and Academy programs are now accepting registrations for the Fall. Please note that Academy is accepting registrations on a first come, first served basis until capacity limits are reached.

Reach out to House VP [Tim Benedict](#) or Academy VP [Kishore Rao](#) or visit the [SCOR website](#) for more details.

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Coaches, parents & kids march on Memorial Day.



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FOLLOW-UP TO SCOR COACH PROFILE

In the SCOR newsletter last Spring, we spoke with SCOR Team Excel coaches (and husband and wife) Tim and Harmony Starr about their background prior to SCOR, how they met and their philosophy and approach to coaching and life.

Now, we are happy to let our SCOR family know that two has now become three. Tim and Harmony had a baby boy named Micah (picture here, already on the fields) on March 24th (7 lbs & 19 inches) and are settling in to their new life as parents. Tim continues to coach full-time. Harmony is already working hard behind the scenes for Team Excel Soccer and plans to return to the fields more consistently for the latter part of the Spring season.



The SCOR Family Welcomes Micah Starr

Introducing Joe Bacciolo, New SCOR Professional Coach

SCOR recently sat down with new Team Excel coach Joe Bacciolo to find out more about his background, his approach to coaching, what he thinks about SCOR and what he wants to do in the future.



Tell us about your background. Where did you grow up? How did you start playing soccer?

I grew up in Stratford CT and I have been playing soccer since the time I could walk. I graduated from Platt Tech High School and got my Marketing degree from Post University.

Tell us about your career at Post University – what were the biggest highlights?

My career at Post was great. I accomplished many things I set my sights on. I finished as the university's all time leading goal scorer, was a two time all American and academic all American. I was also a two time conference player of the year.

We qualified for the NCAA tournament twice when I was at Post (first time in school history). We achieved a national ranking as high as number 5 after we defeated the number 1 ranked team in the country 1-0 on a goal I scored in the

88th min. It was a great time in my life that I will never forget.

How about your coaching career? What brought you to SCOR and Team Excel Soccer?

I am a relatively new coach, I was introduced to Team Excel by a friend of mine and I thought it would be a great opportunity to grow as a coach. I feel I have a ton of knowledge I can give back to the game and am excited to continue my coaching career.

How would you describe your approach to coaching? What is your philosophy?

I would describe myself as a coach that is open to new ideas but has a mindset of how the game should be played. I believe in a possession-based style of play. A style that demands players to not only be technical but also mentally strong.

In terms of age groups I feel at a younger age it is about the process of improving, not results oriented. As the players get older then results start to become more significant but of course, the process of improving should never be forgotten.

What is your impression of SCOR thus far?

So far SCOR has been incredible. I really mean that. Everyone has been so helpful and the kids are fantastic. Many of the players have great potential, but all of them are also respectful and willing to learn. It makes it a pleasure to work with them day in and day out.

What are your ambitions for the future? Will you stay in coaching?

I will certainly stay in coaching. My goal is to eventually be the head coach of a college program.

Thanks Joe.

SCOR Roots Grow in Team Excel Soccer – Tim Quigley

Ridgefielder Tim Quigley grew up learning to love soccer as part of SCOR. Now he's back, this time on the coaching side of the field and working closely with his friend and mentor SCOR director of coaching Phil Bergen. Here's what Tim thinks about SCOR and working alongside his former coach.

Quigley was born in Simsbury, CT but moved to Ridgefield in the first grade and credits his soccer career to his older brother. "As a kid, I would show up at his practices and, in my early days of grade school, tended to 'play up,' or compete on teams consisting of players a year older than me. Phil Bergen was my coach for U11, and then again for Ridgefield High School when we won the Connecticut state championship in my senior year in 2007. And I was by Phil's side as an assistant when RHS went to the state finals in 2013."

After high school, Tim went to South Kent for a year and then to Quinnipiac University, which brought about some big changes to his game and his perspective on soccer. "More than half of the players at Quinnipiac were from outside the U.S., which made for a great experience and really broadened my perspective," said Quigley. In his last year at Quinnipiac, Quigley and team won the NEC regular season title.

Throughout his time in college, Tim kept in touch with Phil Bergen and stayed involved with Team Excel Soccer, helping with the Academy program from the age of 19. And when Tim was looking for a more regular coaching role last year, Phil again gave him an opportunity. His relationship with Phil has helped shape Tim's approach to coaching. "Phil always gave me a lot of freedom on the field, and I respected that as a player. As a coach, even if I have a game plan in mind, I like to try to let the kids figure out what they need to do on the field."

And while Quigley credits Phil Bergen's influence on his coaching philosophy, now he is enjoying a coach-to-coach relationship with his mentor. "I have learned a lot from Phil about coaching, but now enjoy discussing approaches and we sometimes disagree on points. That is all to the benefit of the program and the kids as Phil is always open to professional dialogue and talking about how to make the program better."

One thing Phil definitely passed on to Tim is his passion for the game of soccer. When asked about where he might go in the future, Tim said that, while he still holds thoughts of playing professionally, he has discovered that he has a passion for coaching and mentoring and teaching players. "I've always been a leader on the field and now have to figure out how to do that from the sidelines. It's a new challenge for me."



Odds & Ends

Get Involved! SCOR, a volunteer-run organization, thrives due to talented and engaged individuals who get involved.

Frank and Kelly Speiser have recently joined the SCOR Board. Frank will lead technology including the SCOR website and social media platforms, and Kelly will handle fundraising and marketing, including team sponsorships and community fundraising.

The Speisers have two boys in the Lower House league. Frank founded SocialFlow, which works with the world's largest newspapers and publications to publish to social platforms and then segment that data for marketing use. Kelly is an accomplished marketing professional and has worked at Trend Micro, Intralinks and was part of the core team at MessageLabs when it was acquired by Symantec.

Welcome Frank and Kelly!

SCOR has two openings on its Board:

SCOR Secretary attends all Board meetings, posts minutes and handles other critical administrative functions..

SCOR Director of Supplemental Programs works with SCOR director of coaching Phil Bergen to coordinate all special programs such as winter and summer clinics, STEP program, etc.

If interested, reach out to SCOR President Steve Sasse or any SCOR board member.

SCOR Car Wins Pinewood Derby

Congratulations to Ivan Gupta who recently won the Pinewood Scouts Derby Championship. Note how he demonstrated his pride for SCOR on his 'Championship Winning' car. According to his mom Marta Alfaro, the first thing that Ivan said when he won was "what a shame that coach Phil (Bergen) missed the race."



The Pitch

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SCOR at the Memorial Day Parade



The SCOR Newsletter will be back in September with a Fall season preview for the SCOR membership. Please forward any feedback, news or story ideas to managing editor [Tim Benedict](#).

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