



We've missed you so much....

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you'll take some time to read through updates on some upcoming events, soccer, and board positions. It's been a roller coaster of a year and we know we miss each other. It's truly been difficult not seeing everyone week to week and being there for one another during all that 2020 has challenged us with. But hope is right around the corner with 2021 already looking up (BIDEN! BYEDON!). And as we near the end of the year, we hope the upcoming holidays bring joy, happiness, and good health to all of our members and their families.

Indoor Soccer: Covid-19 wins again! Soccer 0 | Coronavirus 3

We are postponing any potential indoor soccer activities until 2021. We know this is heartbreaking! We wish we could be back on the pitch and while it may seem like everyone else is out there playing games and getting together, we must put the health and well being of all our members as top priority. Cases continue to rise in Massachusetts and we've seen recent roll backs in the reopening phases in Boston. As a result, we are pushing back any indoor soccer activities until 2021. We hope to be able to bring you some indoor pop-up sessions in Revere at that time.

Board Member Elections

The country's elections were not the only elections to be held in November 2020. But while everyone has been glued to the television watching those results unfold, we have decided as a board that we will be moving our elections into 2021. We want to ensure anyone interested in running has a fair and equal chance of being a Board Member and feel that we have the best representation and engagement in our elections when we are seeing one another on the reg.

That said, we do still have an open position for Community Outreach focusing on our service initiatives as well as diversity and inclusion within our club. If you are interested in this new position, [please fill out this form](#).

A Virtual Thanksgiving Tuesday, November 24 7pm-9pm

While we won't be able to get together in person this year, we still want to see your beautiful faces! We are going to host a virtual zoom happy (2) hour in place of our usual thanksgiving. All the details will be shared in the [Facebook event here](#) so be sure to RSVP.

And that's not all... We want to hear from you and connect one another as much as we can. We would love for you to send us either a clip of you sharing what you're thankful for or a recipe of your favorite Thanksgiving dish - get creative... we want videos, pictures, writings... however you want to submit, we will pull together a fun montage to share on our call! Submit to our email thebostonstrikers@gmail.com or slide into our DMs on any social media account! Send us these by Friday, November 20th please!

Looking to give back in other ways during the holidays? Keep an eye out on our Facebook as we share some great local charitable organizations to support!

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Club Updates



Strikers Spotlight



Dear Daddy



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Strikers Spotlight

Each newsletter we're shining the spotlight on two of our players for you to get to know. No shin guards to protect them here! Oh and we're letting them pick the next two stars too!

Vincenzo

1. How long have you been playing/did you play with the Strikers?

I've been playing since the winter of 2018, so that would make it 2 years.

2. Why did you join the Strikers?

Primarily, I joined because I had just moved to the area and wanted to meet new people. Also, I wanted to get back into playing soccer which I hadn't don't for several years. I can tell you that it is not as easy as I remember it to be ☺

3. What is your favorite Strikers memory?

Definitely the Strikers Banquet event that was held in March 2020. That made me realize that the Strikers are more than just a group of friends that meet to play soccer; they're actually a family.

4. What season do you like the best?

Definitely the indoors, even though its very fast paced and I want to cry every time I make it through a game lol

What do you do for work:

I am currently working in the logistics department of the Mediterranean Shipping Company, an international shipping company that moves cargo worldwide.

5. How long have you been living in the Boston area?

I moved to Boston in November 2018. First moved downtown and I'm currently living in Somerville.

6. What is your favorite Thanksgiving food and/or tradition?

For those who know what it is (apparently is less popular than I imagined), I'm a Euchre addict! Every year I always look forwards to getting together with my family and spend hours playing it.

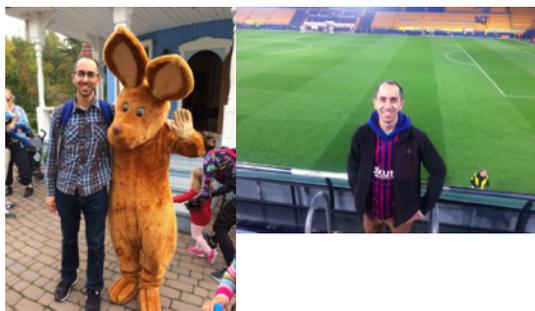


What are you currently obsessed with?

- **Song:** Dark Horse by Katy Perry
- **Movie:** Tammy
- **TV:** Alias (Desperate Housewives is a close second)
- **Book:** The Pillars of Earth by Ken Follett
- **Food:** Sushi every day



Mike



1. How long have you been playing/did you play with the Strikers?

I've been playing with the Strikers since 2018.

2. Why did you join the Strikers?

I'd started playing soccer again after a couple decades off (soccer dad?), and was trying to get better, so was really excited to see there was another league to join where I could meet other gay guys.

3. What is your favorite Strikers memory?

Providence Pride with Strikers friends 2019. Revs game 2019. Slowly getting better at playing over time.

4. What is your favorite season with the Strikers?

Wednesdays are my fav, followed by Sundays, which would be my fav if SPF 2000 existed.

5. What do you do for work:

I'm a piano teacher and choir director.

6. How long have you been living in the Boston area?

I live in Providence, the city with the superior Pride celebration

☺ *People always comment on the "commute", but it's the same time as Somerville to South End on the T.*

7. What is your favorite Thanksgiving food and/or tradition?

Gravy on everything! Also, that terrible/amazing canned cranberry sauce. I love that the holiday is time to get together without the hullabaloo of Christmas planning.

What are you currently obsessed with?

- **Song:** Mood/Anything by Kygo/Bach D# minor fugue from WTC book 2
- **Movie:** Borat Subsequent MovieFilm
- **TV:** Barcelona Games, The Magicians, The Umbrella Academy, The OA
- **Book:** I'm practically illiterate at this point
- **Food:** Chili. Always Chili! And cookies and ice cream.



Dear Daddy

We did it! Zaddy Joe is going to the White House and we got Momala in there too! Woo! I'm so excited... But here's the thing. I'm heading home for Thanksgiving and most of my family probably (drunk uncle DEFINITELY) voted Trump. How the hell am I supposed to have a conversation with them when we've spent the last 5 months subtweeting and cyber bullying one another shoving my Democratic views (re: progressive) down their Republican (re: conservative) throats? I don't know if they actually like Trump or just hate liberals, but either way, I think a food fight is inevitable. HELP!

Sincerely,

A country boy in the big city

Dear Country Blumpkin,

You are going to walk into that house on Thanksgiving Day PURSE FIRST with a fly swatter in the other hand wearing your 'Will You Shut Up Man' tee shirt. And when they start to talk over you, you do what we've practiced: "I'm speaking... I am speaking." Bring your calculator so you can teach them how counting works so they understand why the election is over. If they are traveling from out of town, be sure to make their hotel reservations at your closest landscaping company. And when shit hits the fan after the 4th bottle of wine... RUN!

Okay, that may be a little over the top... but let's be real - your rights were on the line. Whats been done on social media can't be taken back (surprise surprise), but you can try to bridge that gap if it is something you wish to do. We all want to come together again, but that doesn't erase the hateful rhetoric of the last few months/years. And it doesn't justify homophobia, sexism, misogyny, xenophobia, racism...

So my advice - come prepared for a conversation that isn't protected by a keyboard. Cis white folk don't typically have their rights on the line every 4 years, so try and understand where they are coming from and be ready to counter with your arsenal of science, facts, truth, arithmetic, the popular vote... Honestly though, don't be surprised if they're just as stubborn and you don't get through to them.

But no matter what, do this all before cracking open the booze! Ain't nothing good come from talking politics with family, never mind when everyone has some liquid courage in their system. So if you do find yourself outnumbered and 3 sheets to the wind... well, you're about as out of luck as a bottom without an enema after chipotle when his crush just messaged him on Grindr saying he's hosting. Call an Über and get back to the city (as in away from your family... not to Grindr hookup! You had too much stuffing and mashed potatoes and corn!)

Love,

The First Snowflake

