



# Rovers Newsletter

Teamwork. Commitment. Citizenship. Respect.

Winter 2023

## Message from the President

Hello Rovers families!

Another great season is in the books! We had several teams have great seasons, going undefeated in league play, winning tournaments, and representing our club with strong play. We couldn't be prouder of our kids this season.

As we head into the winter break, I'd like to congratulate and welcome our newest board members. At our November meeting we formally voted in Colby Stoltz as our new Coaching Director, Ashley Bednarz as our new Vice President, Melissa Dethlefsen as our new Registrar, and James Tsaptsinos as our new Treasurer. Please join me in thanking them as they step into their new roles. We'll spend the next couple of months getting them familiar with our policies and procedures and are looking forward to working with them all.



*Austin Busbey, President*

I also want to say thank you to all of our volunteers who helped out this season. Specifically, I'd again like to say thank you to our outgoing board members who have helped the club immensely over the last several year. Heather, Nicole, Andrea and Brian you will be greatly missed!

While I'm sure many of you are just switching seasons and the "break" is just from soccer, I hope that you are able to enjoy some kind of calm and quiet. Have a wonderful holiday season, stay warm (hopefully mother nature is kind to us this year), and we'll see everyone in the spring!

Austin Busbey  
Rovers Board President



~ Rovers Night ~ Fall Champions  
~ Referee Appreciation ~ Board Thank You



# Future Granby Bears Cheer on High School Teams

The Rovers soccer community came out in the rain to rally behind the Granby High School teams on Saturday, Oct. 22 during Rovers night. At the start of the boys and girls varsity games, Rovers players high-fived the players and each player received a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes donated from local organizations and parents. Throughout the season Granby Rovers players could also be found chasing down balls to keep the games moving as the ball boys and girls.





# Champions Corner

Crowned co-winners of the league, the Rovers U9 Boys Red Team went undefeated in league games and ended the season with an overall record of 9-1-1. The U10 Boys Blue Team won all their games across two tournaments, conquering eight teams combined in the South Windsor Fall Classic in October and the Colchester Soccerfest Tournament in November. Topping the league with seven victories, the U10 Girls Team finished the season with no losses in league play. The U12 Girls Team made it to the finals at the Ocean Cup in Cape Cod Columbus Day weekend, winning the semifinal game in penalty kicks. Later in the year, they went on to capture the championship at the Colchester Soccerfest Tournament. They capped off the regular season with an undefeated record of 9-0-2.



U10 Boys Blue Team celebrates after achieving 4-0 record in Colchester



U9 Boys Red Team ends season as co-winners of the league.



U10 Girls Team makes the most of a rainy South Windsor Fall Classic Tournament.



U12 Girls finish regular season play undefeated.

# Thank You Board Members!

With their children in high school or heading off next fall, four board members are retiring from their year of service. Nicole Marks is stepping down as the vice president, Brian Harris is leaving his post as treasurer, Heather Hurczyn stayed on an extra season and is now finishing up as the coaching director, and Andrea Wiggins has closed out her registrar responsibilities so that she can focus on her new roll as co-chair of the Granby High School Booster Club.

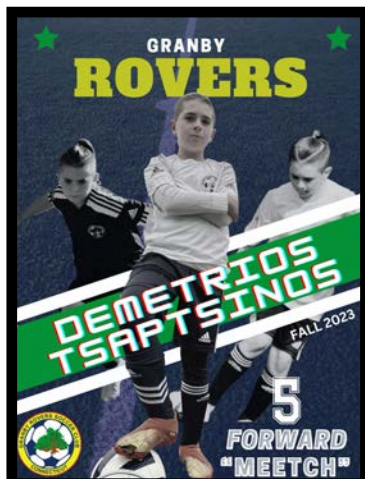


From left - Nicole Marks, Andrea Wiggins, Brian Harris. Not pictured - Heather Hurczyn.

## Referee Appreciation



Granby Rovers had 37 referees for the fall season, including 10 who were newly certified. To thank them for their commitment and work throughout the season, Rovers hosted an appreciation event on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Farmington Valley YMCA. If you are interested in becoming a referee, please send an email to Referee Coordinator Raychel Carey at [roversrefco@gmail.com](mailto:roversrefco@gmail.com).



The U12 Boys are ready for the big leagues with their player cards thanks to the creative skills of incoming Granby Rovers Board member Melissa Dethlefsen.

## Granby Rovers Soccer Board

Austin Busbey, President  
Ashley Bednarz, Vice President  
James Tsaptsinos, Treasurer  
Andrea Burns, Secretary  
Melissa Dethlefsen, Registrar  
Colby Stoltz, Coaching Director  
Steve Earl, Boys Director  
Diane Bragoni, Girls Director  
Mark Melnik, Facilities Director  
Greg Dion, Media Director  
Sierra Payette, Uniform Coordinator  
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