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Have you missed all of us at The Ball Street Journal? We're sorry it has been 9 whole months since our last issue but GIRLLLLLL do we have some TEA for you here. In this issue, we have the deets on the PTown Classic (did someone say 24), we're spotlighting our newest board member (guess who), we have some upcoming soccer leagues near (free ballin') and far (Palm Springs anyone), and of course our very own Dear Daddy is back serving you the best advice you will never take. Grab those reading glasses because the library is now open.



We're back baby!

Grab your cleats (and more importantly for some, your wigs and heels) because we are headed back to Provincetown for our 24th year of the PTown Classic! This year's friendly

tournament will take place October 8th - 11th on (just) the tip of Cape Cod where we hope to frolic down Commercial Street, get sweaty at A House, stumble around Tea in our heels, and prance around the pitch underneath the Pilgrim Monument. [Visit our site here for more details and registration info.](#) **Early Bird Registration closes on September 8th so LFG!**

Friday

Opening Party @ Underground

Come play with us at Underground where we kick off the weekend with all sorts of games: pool tables, air hockey, ping pong... Mingle with old and new friends as we cheers to a fabulous weekend ahead!

Late Night @ A House

We'll end up here each night (if you can last). Music, flashing lights, sweaty bodies... It's a no brainer.

Saturday

Wigs & Heels Tea Dance @ The Boatslip

NAILS HAIR HIPS HEELS. This is our 7th year of our Wigs & Heels Tea Dance so we expect 10s across the board. Nothing is better for soccer than strutting around in heels the night before we actually kick a ball.

Soccer Ball Dance Party @ Wave Bar

Balls, balls, and more balls. They love to host us for a great party each year with dancing and drinks. Kudos if you're still in your wigs and heels, but you may want to pull a wardrobe change and give your feet a rest.

Sunday

Soccer @ Motta Field underneath the Pilgrim Monument

No time to nurse your hangover Sunday as we are on the pitch bright and early with a full day of soccer. All skill levels are welcome! We'll split everyone up into teams and you'll play a mix of small sided (6v6) and full field (11v11) games throughout the day. Lunch is included.

Banquet @ Liz's Cafe, Anybody's Bar

Like any good gaycation, there needs to be a family dinner to gossip about who's done what all weekend. There will be food, drinks, awards, laughs, and good vibes only. Oh, and we're at a new venue with an outdoor space so start wishing for some good weather!

Post Tourney Nightcaps @ Shipwreck Lounge

Nothing brings the family together like some warm fireplaces, cozy chairs, and a cheers to another year. And don't worry, A House is still late night for the crazies!

Upcoming Soccer Action

Free Ball Fall Sundays at Carter Playground

We are back with our Free Ball Fall soccer starting September 12 through October 31st. These Sunday practices will include some fun games and lots of scrimmaging each week. All skill levels are welcome and it is a great time to bring some friends as an introduction to the Strikers. We offer the fall sessions free of charge so drop on by! Don't forget, we've moved to Carter Playground to be more accessible to all!

Where: **Carter Playground (Northeastern Campus) 709 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA**

When: **Sundays 3pm-5pm from September 12th through October 31st**

**there will be no Sunday Soccer during the PTown Classic on October 10*



WHSC Desert Pride Cup 2021 in Palm Springs

WeHo Soccer Club is hosting the inaugural Desert Pride Cup November 5th - 7th in Palm Springs this fall and we would love to support our sisters and send some Strikers out! We've had a few players interested already and if you want to join them, head over to our [website and let us know you're interested](#) so we can coordinate! Even if we can't send a full Strikers team, we are looking to squad up with some of the other Northeast clubs.

[For full WHSC Desert Pride Cup details, check out their website.](#)


Keep an eye out on our website and social media pages for other upcoming soccer including fall BSSC 11v11, Indoors at Revere, and the 2022 Sin City Classic in Las Vegas.

Strikers Spotlight

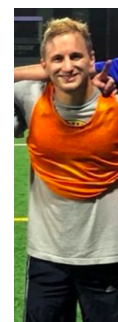
Each newsletter we're shining the spotlight on two of our players for you to get to know. No shin guards to protect them here! Give them a follow and say hello because as Troy Bolton once said, "We're all in this together."

We are shining the spotlight on our NEWEST (👶) board member Drew Jenkins and our HARD (🍆) working PTown Committee members!

Drew Jenkins

Secretary, The Boston Strikers 

1. How long have you been a Striker? I joined in the Spring 2019, so it's been over 2 years already!
2. What is your favorite Strikers memory? There are so many good ones to choose from. My top two are 1) watching David give birth to a beer bottle in Vegas at our party after making the finals and 2) Judge giving Andy the most excessive red card in PTown history
3. What is your favorite Strikers season? The Wednesday league is definitely the best Strikers season (...mostly for Cathy's after).
4. What do you do for work? I'm an Internal Medicine resident at Brigham and Women's Hospital.
5. How long have you been living in Boston? I've been in Boston since graduating college in 2015! I've bounced around different parts of Boston (Southie, Seaport, Back Bay, Fenway) but now live in JP with my husband (Charlie) and dog (Fergie).



Current Obsessions:

- Song: F**k Him All Night by Azealia Banks
- Movie: Lord of the Rings (always the correct answer)
- TV Show: Handmaid's Tale and Ted Lasso
- Book: ...need to get back into reading for fun
- Food: Brassica Kitchen in JP

The PTown Classix XXIV Planning Committee

1. How is the committee? Any drama? Spill the tea!

The committee is great! We have a lot of fresh faces this year, not just existing board members but rookie players and veteran players alike. Some have been to the tournament before and some haven't, so we are getting a really good mix of fresh ideas and past experience. We think this will definitely be a year to remember!

2. Is there anything new we can expect this year?

While the format remains similar to years past, we are definitely looking to add some new elements. To start, we are moving the banquet to Liz's Cafe. She has been our caterer the past few years while we've hosted it at the Gifford House, but her establishment offers an outdoor space that we can use. We have some other things up our sleeves as well (a photo station at Tea?!) so this will be a great year.



Adam

Dentry

Paul

Carlos

DJ, Masc Jock (Jeff)

Robbie

3. How are numbers looking?

We were a bit nervous with COVID if our attendance would take a hit, but we've had so many people eager and excited to make this happen that we're optimistic. Numbers so far are pretty on par with years past, so it should be a good turnout.

4. Will Bubble Soccer be making an appearance?

Absolutely not. Do you think COVID started in the bubbles?

Dear Daddy

Looking for advice? Ask Daddy [here](#) and maybe we'll feature your question in our next newsletter!

Dear Daddy...

There's a boy, I know, he's the one I dream of. I've been crushing on someone for a while now. We were introduced through a mutual friend and have since run into each other at a number of group settings. Did I know they would be there each time, maybe? But only because I always ask who is going... and did I dress cute and keep an eye out to casually bump into them getting a drink, maybe? *I fall in love whenever we meet. I'm asking you what you know about these things? I try to phone but I'm too shy, can't speak.*
HELP! Sincerely,

How Will I Know

Dear HWIK,

First off Whitney... don't try to phone. This isn't 2000 anymore, we text or slide into DMs. But I'm here to help. The famed baseball player Wayne Gretzy once said, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" so here's the deal: SHOOT YOUR SHOT! If you want to move from the Friend Zone to the G Spot then you need to put that out there and put the ball in their court.

So... first off, find out if they are single. Not that it matters either way these days, but you have to know your odds. If they're dating - well, you better one up their current signif (or maybe 3's a party for them). But if they're singling and mingling, you then start with some mildly salacious pics in their DMs. Oh, you're going to the beach in a speedo? DM. Oh, you just finished a killer workout and your shirt is off? DM. If they take the bait, reel them in hunny. But of course, if you're a bit more conservative in your approach, then be the one to set something up. Set up a little party or plan to go out... and then ask THEM to join YOU. And if they're into you, they'll make it.

In your favor, may the odds be
Daddy Yoda

P.S. Whitney asked us the question in 2000, but Betty Everett already gave us the answer a decade before. Kiss him and squeeze him tight; and find out what you want to know. If it's love, if it really is it's there in his kiss.

Other Announcements

- **Strikers Board Elections & Positions**
We will be having board elections at the end of this year (Dec. 2021). If you are interested in getting more involved, reach out to current members for some insight into what the commitment entails.
We also currently have an open board position for Community Engagement.
- **Strikers Thanksgiving: SAVE THE DATE**
It's never too early to save the date for our Strikers Thanksgiving. This year it'll be hosted by Erik and Franklin and we're saving the date of November 20th! More details to come, but you will NOT want to miss this.