



Braddock Road Youth Club celebrated 50 years of serving the community by providing quality youth sports to the families in the Braddock Road area.

Past and present players and their families, leaders from all the sports offered by BRYC, local officials AND the man who started it all... gathered at Robinson High School to have fun and celebrate what makes BRYC so great!

Check out some pictures from the FUN event!!



Rec Soccer kicked off the event off with a soccer game on the upper turf field. It was officiated by our very own Referee Director, John Davis. Now it wasn't a big game... but there was something BIG there... and coaches, parents and kids who played had a BALL!



Also on the upper field, Rec Soccer had an Agility Course set up. The course included: ladders, dribbling, rolling the ball forward and back, passing under hurdles while jumping over, cutting around agility sticks, a wall pass, a shot and an all-out sprint to the finish!



Assisting at the Agility Course was our BRYC Registrar, Karen Saunders and her daughters; as well as members of the U16-19G team **DANGER!**

A Leader Board was kept at the field. For the older players, the best run of the day was Julia at 54 secs followed closely by Bransen at 56 secs, Rachel at 1 min 9 secs and James at 1 min 13 secs.

For the younger players, Mark ran it at 1 min 10 secs, Seth at 1 min 11 secs, Justin at 1 min 42 secs and Max at 1 min 43 secs.

All the players did a great job on the course!

Meanwhile... down near the stadium field...
All the sports were represented with their own tents and activities...

At the Rec Soccer tent, you could take a shot at a pugg goal. If you hit the small bucket in the middle you won a prize!

Leadership for various sports volunteered their time to the event, and our Rec Soccer Leadership was well represented. Mark Davis (League Director for U11-14 Boys) manned the Prize Booth, Doug Alcorn (Deputy Commissioner, Senior Divisions) served up snow cones.

At our Rec Soccer Tent, Craig Willet (Equipment Director) and Peter Phipps (Deputy Commissioner, Junior Divisions) gave out jerseys and bags generously donated by Score and Dick's Sporting Goods.

They also promoted BRYC Day at Dick's Sporting Goods which will be Saturday, August 27. Print the coupon on the front page of the BRYC website and take it to Dick's on Aug 27 and you will receive a 20% discount on all your purchases.

They also promoted registration for fall that is going on now!





Other activities included an inflatable obstacle course, various activities on the sport fields, and a dunk tank!

ODSL Coach Camilla Roberts took her turn in the tank, as did BRYC Football Coach, Jeff McCormack. BRYC Rec Soccer Commissioner, James Sullivan was scheduled to go into the tank as well... he watched from the sidelines as Coach Jeff took his bath... I mean... turn.

Training Director, Joan Smith and her children Julia and Ross volunteered on the upper turf activities.

ODSL and All Star Director, Anthony Pagano and Coach John Kenkel were also on hand to celebrate and enjoy the events.





Of course, there were special guests as well including:

- BRYC Past Commissioner, Charles Osbourn
- William F. Patten, Founder of BRYC and his son, David (who flew up from Florida to be a part of the event!)
- John Cook, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- Senator Chap Peterson

And of course, Laura Rigney, the tireless volunteer who organized the event so beautifully. Laura is a BRYC soccer alumni herself, and brought a 1985 team picture and trophy from her days on the pitch. Many thanks go to Laura for her hard work!!

One of the 50th Anniversary banners was laid out so that event goers could sign it, and the banner is now displayed in the BRYC Clubhouse (the Community Room in the King's Park Shopping Center).

It was a GREAT celebration of a GREAT club! We're all looking forward to the next 50 years... and more!!

