

# THE BALL STREET JOURNAL

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I'm back back back again! We know it's only been a month since our last issue but we just couldn't resist sliding into those emails with all of our upcoming shenanigans that you've missed... We're talking Indoors, Thanksgiving, Community Servings, Coat Drives, NE Revolution Playoffs, Vegas / Albany / DC tournaments, Spotlights, Daddy Issues... ok ok, ya know what, let's just get on with the BSJ! The library is now.....open!

## Indoor Soccer Saturdays are back at Teamworks Revere **Nov. 6th**

### 10s 10s 10s across the **BOARDS!**

We are finally back at Teamworks Revere for our Indoor season. Our first Saturday will be **November 6th** from 2pm-4pm. Registration goes live on October 23 so be sure to sign up ASAP before we reach capacity. The first week will be open play before team selections. As always, we'll be following all state and local COVID-19 protocols.



When	Saturdays 2pm - 4pm from November 6th through March 26th
Format	All registered players will be divided up into 4 teams and play one game each week.
Games	6v6 games played in two 25 minute halves
Season	Players are split up into new teams mid-way for a second season

We welcome all players and skills, but please note this is a fast paced game, indoors and with boards. *If you are interested in being 1 of 4 captains and drafting your team, please indicate so with your registration.*

## BUT WHY WAIT UNTIL INDOORS?!

Come join us for our final **Sunday Soccer: October 31st 3pm-5pm @ Madison Park**

Sunday Soccer is free for all and a great way to close out the weekend! And if you're feeling up for it, wear a costume since .... it's Halloween!



## WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR



It's almost November and that means it's almost Turkey Time! But more importantly, it's time to reflect on *all that we are thankful for*. And now, more than ever, we look for ways to express our gratitude, gather with good friends, and give back to those less fortunate.

## Community Servings

We've had a long-standing commitment to volunteering at Community Servings and we are very excited to get the Strikers back to giving back. We'll be visiting Community Servings in JP on November 16th from 4-7pm. We'll be circulating sign-ups at our upcoming events but email [thebostonstrikers@gmail.com](mailto:thebostonstrikers@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.



Community Servings' mission is to actively engage the community to provide medically tailored, nutritious, scratch-made meals to chronically and critically ill individuals and their families.

[Check out their website for more information](#)

## Strikers Thanksgiving

Erik and Franklin are hosting our Strikers Thanksgiving this year and it is sure to be.... Well, as extra as Erik (love ya girl!). **Save the date now for dinner AND a show with Paige Turner: Saturday, November 20th @ 7pm.** We'll set up a potluck list for everyone (starting with Mickey's 'can of corn') and start coordinating through our socials so stay tuned!

## Winter Coat Drive

Start pulling those coats OUT OF THE CLOSET because we are holding another coat drive this year... *and it's our reputation on the line*. Why? Because we're competing against Albany and DC to see which club can donate the most coats before Christmas! And come on, Boston winters means we should have a huge advantage here! You can bring those coats to indoor soccer on Saturdays and we'll keep score against the Albany Empire and DDC Federal Triangles to see which club wins.



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# NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION



## Revolution x Strikers

So... the Revs are kind of a BIG DEAL.

Not only were they the first team to clinch playoffs, but they clinched playoffs as the #1 seed. Yea, BIG. DEAL. And we're looking to strengthen our relationship with them.

First up: a dedicated Strikers discounted ticket site: [Get tickets here on remaining home games](#)  
***And stay tuned for playoffs as we coordinate games as a club! R-E-V-O-L-U-T-I-O-N!!!!!!***

## PTown Classic XXIV Withdrawals?



Us too... But we want to give a quick shoutout to everyone that came and everyone that hosted (big host energy!). We had a lot of new venues this year and we hope you had a FABULOUS time.



For those who came... Please fill out our [feedback survey here](#) so that XXV is better than ever! And for those who didn't (or those who want to reminisce), here's your TOP 5 Wigs & Heels.



\*If you can't love **VOTE** for yourself, how in the hell you gonna love **VOTE** for somebody else\*

## 2022 Tournament Schedule

We have a full line up of tournaments in 2022 that we are eager to send the Boston Strikers to! If you are thinking about going, [head over to our website here](#) and add your name to the Interested Players list and we'll be sure to keep you updated as we make plans!

### Sin City Classic



When: January 15-16, 2022  
Where: Las Vegas, NV  
Format: 7v7 Indoor  
Description: A competitive, international tournament that we've competed in the past few years. We placed 2nd in D2 in 2019 and are hoping to take home 1st next!

### Albany Empire Blizzard Cup

When: February 12, 2022  
Where: Albany, NY  
Format: Indoor  
Description: Indoor tournament with our sisters (Albany, Philly?, NYC? DC?)... Welcome event, soccer, banquet, and more! We usually send a few teams because it's such a great time!



### Fed Triangles and IGLFA World Championships



**IGLFA**  
International Gay & Lesbian  
Football Association

The 2022 IGLFA World Championships are being hosted in DC in conjunction with the Federal Triangles Soccer Club! We are super excited to show some DC love and are looking to send a squad to this international tournament. Oh, and it's also Capital Pride weekend! LFG!


When: June 7-11, 2022  
Where: Washington DC  
Format: 7v7 World Championships



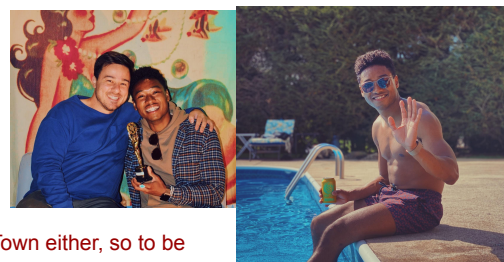
# Strikers Spotlight

Each newsletter we're shining the spotlight on two of our players for you to get to know.

We are shining the spotlight on Russel Cloon, our NEW NEWEST 🧡 board member and Jacob Kirsch, a Sunday rookie 🧡 we're excited to have join the club!

**Russel Cloon** Community Outreach for The Boston Strikers  

1. How long have you been a Striker? In April of 2021, so still quite recently.
2. Why did you join the Strikers? During the pandemic, I wanted to be more intentional about finding belonging within the gay community. Soccer has always been really the only sport I've liked to play. I literally think I searched "gay soccer Boston" for fun, and the Strikers popped up!
3. What is your favorite Strikers memory? The most recent P-Town Classic was my first and it was honestly better than I expected. I actually hadn't been to P-Town either, so to be there with a group of Strikers and players all over the country was truly an awesome experience. I also remember the intense cramps all over my body after soccer, and Wigs & Heels certainly was memorable as well!
4. What is your favorite Strikers season? Wednesday League's are the best because everyone goes and I love playing soccer in the summer at night. It's healthy, but fun competition, and selfishly I live quite close to the fields too so it's easy for me.
5. What do you do for work? I'm a Corporate Development Manager for a veterinary service organization. So that means that I essentially acquire veterinary practices and do all the M&A deal execution work associated with that.
6. How long have you been living in Boston? I moved from a small rural town in Kansas to Waltham for college in 2014, but moved to Boston proper after graduating in 2018. I hated the East Coast the whole time I was in college - it was only until I moved into the city that I actually started to like it!



**Current Obsessions:**  
 Song: "DONT WANT IT" by Lil Nas X  
 TV Show: The Good Wife (always)  
 Book: The Power of Vulnerability by Brene Brown (I'm cheating this is an audiobook)  
 Food: Duck Confit I guess, but anything I cook with my boyfriend

  **Jacob Kirsch**



1. How long have you been a Striker? I joined the Sunday practices for the first time this July!
2. Why did you join the Strikers? I wanted to find a community of people I felt comfortable playing soccer with. Finding a group of LGBTQ+ soccer players seemed like the right fit 🧡!
3. What is your favorite Strikers memory? Sitting around the fire at Shipwreck after the P-Town tournament. That was my first time getting to really hang out with a lot of the people on the team.
4. What is your favorite Strikers season? I've currently only played Sundays so ... Sundays 🧡
5. What do you do for work? I work at Microsoft on a programming language. Spend most of my day reading other people's code. Essentially techy things.
6. How long have you been living in Boston? I've only been here since June 1st actually. Was planning on moving here last June, but it got postponed. I currently live in Central Square in Cambridge, and I'm very happy to finally be in Boston

**Current Obsessions:**  
 Song: "Hotel TV" by Lawrence (new album just came out, seeing the band in Boston on Nov 12)  
 Movie: Shang-Chi  
 TV Show: Kind of old but West Wing  
 Book: The Beauty in Breaking by Michele Harper  
 Food: Homemade chicken soup (it's soup szn 🍲)

# Dear Daddy

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

## Dear Daddy...

*So, my question is kind of like a double header... first, I just moved to the area but my boyfriend is back home in Austin. This is my first time in a long distance relationship, so I'm looking for any advice. Second, I just joined the Strikers for Sunday Soccer but I'm not sure how I fit in with the group. I can be a little shy at first and not sure if I made a good first impression or not? How do I put myself out there?*

Sincerely,  
A Rookie without Nookie

Dear Loner without a Boner,

I don't usually do discounts here and you're asking for a 2 for 1 BOGO special... Lucky for you, mercury isn't in retrograde and I'm in the giving mood. As the great poet Nelly once said, "I like your steez, your style, your whole demeanor" and so I'll help out with your dilemma here.

Now... to start with the long distance thing. Well, shoot, unless you're using one of them Jitterbug phones, pretty much everything lets you facetime or video chat these days and so you need to make that a committed habit. Don't default to texts and I wouldn't even settle for traditional phone calls - you need face to face interaction as much as you can... and sometimes face to a\*\* and d\*\*\* to face and a\*\* to d\*\*\* and all that 21st century virtual communication. You're going to need trust too... and not the fund type. Are you open? Closed? On Grindr? Lay the ground rules out and be realistic with each other so you don't ever feel guilty. Just be on the same page! And lastly invest in a travel credit card and get them points henny.

As for joining the strikers.... If you're who I think you are, I don't think shy is the first word that comes to mind. I saw your Onlyfans. I even subscribed too. Talk about a double header. But it went a little stale once you got the BF (understandable) so I went back to twitter. Anyways, maybe don't open with that if you're not looking for lust on the Strikers. But do stick it out. Boston may have a bad rep for being a little.... Unwelcoming? But the Strikers are full of good people who ALL started the same way you did - by showing up and putting themselves out there. Not everyone is at every event, so I'm sure there's plenty more Strikers to meet too. The most important part is showing up. You'll get out of this what you put in - so don't give just the tip! Go to the social events, play in the travel tournaments, grab a beer after and at some point down the road, you'll forget all about this awkward rookie phase.

Wooo. That was a long one. Too-ta-loo.  
Papa

## 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.