





**I think football would become an even better game if someone could invent a ball that kicks back.**


— Eric Morecambe





**Some people believe soccer is a matter of life and death. I'm very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.**


*Bill Shankly - English soccer manager*

## SRU WINTER ACADEMY & Skill Development Program

 The community is buzzing with excitement after the very successful free clinic that was held on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>

 Over 70 kids turned out to get a chance to work with the SRU coaches, play some fun games and get some awesome prizes! Parents also got the chance to view the new Nike WDA jersey, which looks awesome! Another free clinic will be held at Trione on Saturday December 12th. 5-9 years from 8-9.30 and 10+ years from 9:30-11:00. Don't miss your opportunity. To date, over 140 kids have registered.

 The WDA is only \$125 for 8 weeks of skill training and is designed for new players to SRU and our existing players. Alan Finnie has developed a curriculum to suit all levels of players.

 You can register online at [www.srunited.com](http://www.srunited.com) or look out for the flier.


If you have any questions please contact program director Alan Finnie


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## SRU Snack Shack is open!

 After many months of planning, numerous permits, inspections, equipment hunting trips and endless discussions the SRU snack shack opened this fall.

 The "Shack" is a great addition to our Trione fields as it allows us to provide our players, families, and guest teams with a convenient place to purchase food and drink at a reasonable price.

 Best of all, the Shack will help SRU to generate the much needed \$\$\$ for field maintenance and repair. The shack will initially be open weekends until Christmas break. SRU players and families will see the Shack reopen in early to mid March during tryouts.

 To assure cost-effective and continuous operation throughout the soccer year, SRU will be asking each team to operate the shack on a designated weekend.

 Any questions or suggestions? Contact Concession Stand member Nick Pelosi at [NPELOSICFI@aol.com](mailto:NPELOSICFI@aol.com)

## SRU Alumni news

SRU congratulates the following alumni on their final college season this past fall: **Mickey Daly** (CSU LA); **Eleanna Mendez** (Dominican University of Cal); **Gina Pellegrini** (UC Berkeley); **Holly Sinclair** (UC Santa Cruz); **Alex Rodriguez** (CSU Chico) and **Tracy Webster** (Sonoma State University).

**Congratulations to our new (2009) SRU Alumni playing at the next level. Cortland Forsyth** (CalPoly-SLO); **Hayley Johnson** (UC San Diego); **Riley Kovatch, Kyle Marsh** (UC Berkeley); **Cody Levar** (Sweden soccer lower division club); **Alexis Rubattino** (Santa Clara); **Alexis Sciacqua, Bre Robles** (SSU); **Nico Spann** (SSU); **Breanna Taylor** (Humboldt St); **Cristina Tognetti** (St Mary's-Cal); **Kelsey Welston** (Long Beach St); **Anna Tedeschi** (Vanguard). SRU currently has over 40 former players playing at the college level

**SRU wishes all players and their families Happy Holidays and a happy & healthy New Year!**

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