



An enthusiastic throng of over (100) U-11, U-12, and U-13 Colorado Rush players, siblings, and parents gathered this past Sunday to cheer on Barcelona and Real Madrid in the 2014 El Clasico!

Passions ran deep as Barca tallied the opening goal- so much so that a very partisan [Alex Robredo](#) (Barcelona native and Rush Soccer Director of International Affairs) managed to dislocate his shoulder with his excessive fist pumping! The action was riveting all afternoon, both on the pitch and at the Clubhouse.

This was much more than just an average “watch party”. These Rush players can tell their grandchildren they were there for the first official INAUGURAL [RUSH CLUBHOUSE PARTY](#), ushering in both a new era and home for the Colorado Rush. Enjoying a lavish pot-luck spread, friendly banter and good cheer was abundant as kids enjoyed playing soccer, futsal, soccer tennis, ping-pong, and even tried their hand on the impromptu archery range throughout the sun-splashed afternoon.

The Rush clubhouse is the vision of Rush President [Tim Schulz](#), who gathered all the attendees at halftime to share the master plan of the facility, of which the clubhouse is only the tip of the iceberg. Centered on 58 acres, south of Chatfield reservoir off Titan Road, the clubhouse has been designed to house visiting international and domestic soccer exchange players during their Colorado stays, and also to serve as a “home away from home” for all Rush players; a sanctuary to call their own. It is place to chill, be a kid, hang out, bond with clubmates, and create the indelible memories that should make up their youth. The clubhouse was founded on a common love for the game, but should serve as so much more- a family gathering spot, welcoming to all, a place for children to be raised with a strong sense of the special community they belong to. Pride in their surroundings, respect for others and accountability for their actions are the real price of admission here.

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The property opens to expansive views of the foothills, giving it a special Colorado signature.

Surrounding the clubhouse will be multiple soccer fields (upwards of 10), including both natural grass fields and artificial turf fields to facilitate training year round. Ultimately, a premier pitch in a stadium bowl, training facilities, and even an Academy building are envisioned. Tim even mentioned some appropriate adjacent retail development to accommodate the game day families attending the Rush home fields. The vision aims to create a facility that any player would be thrilled to play upon.



(One of the future fields at the home of Colorado Rush and Rush Soccer.)

Erin Moorehead, a U-11 Rush Player loved her afternoon at the clubhouse, especially the idea that the clubhouse might be rented out for her private team party. Although the clubhouse has many of the comforts of home, it has been built very much with an eye to economy and frugality, befitting the home of a non-profit club.

Since the work is far from complete, if you have any interest, please talk to your coach and explore the website for ways to help contribute to this intriguing venture, as it is a HOME for all Rush members. Any labor, materials, or insight are all greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact the [Director of Training Nick Blanco](#) if you are interested in renting out Titan as well.

Oh yeah, Barca squeaked out a 4-3 victory, much to the delight of the unofficial jersey poll, as 11 Barca jerseys were counted to only 3 Real jerseys amongst the kids.