



Peace Arch Soccer Club – Update – February, 2010

As the Fall 2009/2010 season winds down its time to say thanks and to give a short update on some of the Club's upcoming activities.

Thanks to our Volunteers

A big "thank you" to all of you, who have volunteered throughout the year as a Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager or Age Group Coordinator. Without you the Club doesn't operate.

Graduating players

Good luck to all the U18 players who are playing their last year as a Youth player with Peace Arch. Many of this group; have played for Peace Arch since they were U6s back in 1997. Thanks also to the group of parents who have supported their boys all those years – and a great big **thanks to Jim Davidson** who has been a coach and/or coordinator for 13 years - thanks Jim!!

Hopefully we'll see you on the field in the future as part of our adult program, refereeing or coaching our younger players.

As a reminder to those boys graduating, Delta Youth Soccer Association (Delta District) and Peace Arch have scholarship opportunities for you. Check out www.dysa.ca for information on Delta District scholarships and/or contact Carol Kuiper (ckuiper@peacearchsoccer.com) for a Peace Arch Scholarship application form.

Mini/Micro Tournament (U6s to U10s)

The annual mini/micro tournament will be Saturday February 27th on the Turf at South Surrey Athletic Park. The tournament for each age group will be held at the regular time slots.

Delta Cup

Congratulations and Good Luck to all of the U11 to U14 teams (too many to mention) who have qualified for the Delta Cup finals on February 27th in Ladner.

Conference Cup

Each year, the U13 to U18 Rep Teams participate in the Conference Cup. This year Peace Arch had five teams qualifying for the semi-finals (the second most teams of any of the Clubs in 5 District). Good Luck to the U13 Rangers, U15 Rangers and U18 Rangers who have qualified for the finals in Surrey on March 6th and 7th.

5 District Cup

Good Luck to those U15 to U18 teams still participating in the 5 District Cup. The finals of this Cup will be played by March 7th at the home field of the Group winners. Hopefully we'll see some of these finals in South Surrey.

Peter McElheron Cup

Peter McElheron was a long-time volunteer for youth soccer. Peter passed away in 2008. To honor Peter – Delta District has named the U12 Rep team tournament in his honor. The tournament finals are in Tsawwassen on February 27th. Good Luck to those teams still competing and thanks to Gretchen McConnell for helping to organize the tournament.

Spring Soccer

Spring Soccer for U5s to U14s starts April 17th. Registration is now available online – the early bird rate of \$85 ends February 28th, registration closes on April 1st.

Player assessment and rep team placement sessions

Player assessment and rep team placement sessions for next year's Rep Team Programs will start around March 31st. We will contact players when online registration and the times of the various sessions are available.

Delta District Select Program

Information on the Delta District Select Program (U14 to U18 – players born 1993 to 1998) will be regularly updated on the Delta District web-site (dysa.ca).

Spring Break Academy Camp – U7 to U12

The Club, together with Semiahmoo Soccer Club, will be holding a World Cup Camp during Spring Break – March 15th to March 19th. This will be a coed camp and consist of a 4 v 4 tournament. Under the supervision of the Professional Staff, teams will be formed by the players. Please see www.semiahmoosoccer.com (Spring Break World Cup 2010 Camp tab) for more details and to register.

Referee Clinics

The Club will be holding Referee Clinics for those interested in getting involved in refereeing. These will be held March 26th to March 28th. Go to the Club's web-site for more information or contact Charles Evans at charlesg_evans@shaw.ca.

Fraser Valley Soccer League Cup Finals

The Club will once again host the Fraser Valley Soccer League (Adults) Cup Finals. This event will occur April 3rd at South Surrey Athletic Park. The feature event of the weekend is the Pakenham Cup final. The Pakenham Cup is the oldest trophy contested in Adult soccer in British Columbia. Good Luck to all of our adult teams as they attempt to qualify for Cup Final play.

Annual General Meeting and election of Directors

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held in late April or early May. If you are interested in serving as a director please contact Grant Morrison (gmorrison@peacearchsoccer.com) or Mike Hornak (mhornak@peacearchsoccer.com).
We always need lots of help!

Fall Registration

Registration for the Fall 2010/2011 season will commence in May 2010.

Summer Soccer Camps

The Club will be operating Summer Soccer Camps again this summer. We will let the applicable age groups know when we have more information and when registration will begin.

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