



Peace Arch Soccer Club Newsletter – Fall 2010



Hello and welcome to another exciting season of soccer!

The 2010-2011 **Peace Arch Soccer Club** season kicks off this weekend for our Rep Teams from U11 to U18. Recreational programs for U6 to U18 start the weekend of September 18.

The Club runs on volunteers – more than 500 of you last season! We need more. If you'd like to meet more of the parents in the community and help running the Club, we'd love to have you join us. There's always plenty to do. You can volunteer by contacting the Club's Administrator Carol Kuiper at

ckuiper@peacearchsoccer.com . Ensure you type "Club

Volunteer" in the email SUBJECT line.

If you've already volunteered to coach, be an assistant coach, team manager, age-group coordinator or work in the concession stand - **THANK YOU!**

The Club has initiated several new player development initiatives for our 1,100 registered youth players. The plans are detailed on the Club's website: <http://www.peacearchsoccer.com> ; along with a note from our professional Head Coach Greg Berry. (Select '**DEVELOPMENT**' on the home page).

Greg will be on the fields at South Surrey Athletic Park almost every day – and would like to meet you and answer any questions you have. To understand more of the decisions and direction that Peace Arch Soccer Club is pursuing for player and coach development, please look at the Canadian Soccer Association's 'Wellness to World Cup' document. You can read a summary of the program at: http://www.canadasoccer.com/wellness/W2WC_Matrix_ENG.pdf.

If you're a coach there is additional information on Coach Development on the link: <http://www.peacearchsoccer.com/doc/development/coach-devel-program-2010-11.pdf>.

Have a great season and Good Luck!

Maeve Glass

President

Peace Arch Soccer Club

THE FALL SEASON KICKS OFF

Recreational programs (U6 to U18) – games start September 18 and 19

Rep programs (U11 to U18) – games start September 11 and 12

If you haven't heard from your coach yet - please be patient - they will get in touch soon. There is lots of administrative work to do at the start of a season – particularly for those players who have only recently registered – and it sometimes slows down contacting players.

Our programs for U6 to U9 are currently full. There are a few spaces left at U10. We are accepting names for waiting lists for the U6 to U9 age groups. We are looking at adding additional programming for the U6 age group to accommodate those currently on the waiting list – again we ask for your patience.

Peace Arch Soccer Academy (Friday nights) – starts September 10 – register on-line - don't worry if you've missed the first week – if necessary we'll run a catch up session at the end to make up for it.

PHOTO DAY

Peace Arch Soccer Club team photos will be taken on the **weekend of September 25th**. Details will be sent to your son's coach. If you'd like to help at Photo Day please contact Carol Kuiper at ckuiper@peacearchsoccer.com. Ensure you type "Photo Day Volunteer" in the email SUBJECT line.

PARKING DANGER

There's a worrisome parking problem alongside Fields 9 and 10 (the artificial turf fields) at South Surrey Athletic Park. Cars parked – illegally – in the drop off zone and along the curb are creating serious vision hazards. Drivers are not able to see small people move between the cars into the traffic path. Before we have a serious accident, we are asking all Club members to obey the parking rules. City of Surrey by-law enforcement officers have been instructed to focus on the hazard created by the illegally parked cars.

Several Peace Arch members have asked about traffic pattern flows in South Surrey Athletic Park. In conjunction with user groups, the City of Surrey has conducted an extensive survey of traffic in South Surrey Athletic Park. The City is now finalizing plans to make changes. It is expected that it will take several years to implement all of the changes.

THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to help organize, host and run the two-day Peace Arch Soccer Club Thanksgiving Tournament (October 9 and 10). At least 40 recreational teams from U7 to U10 from Clubs around the Lower Mainland get a minimum of three games over the two days.

The volunteers will help set up fields, assemble gift packages, organize the presentation ceremonies, provide directions to players and parents unfamiliar with the park, help with concessions and more. If you'd like to get your volunteer credits and participate in a project that creates memories for more than 400 young players, please send an email to the Club's Administrator: ckuiper@peacearchsoccer.com. Ensure you type "Thanksgiving Tournament Volunteer" in the email SUBJECT line.

SCORE REPORTING (U11 to U18)

The Club's new Statistician Phil Mastroianni will be contacting all coaches via email regarding the score reporting procedure.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations from all members of the Club to our 2010-2011 Scholarship winners - Russell Prentice, Gus da Roza, Lucas Rimmer and Lewis Cooper.

CLUB AWARDS

Congratulations to all of last season's award recipients including:

- Coaches - Joe Cicek, Allen Dalstrom and Tony Fenrich
- Team - U18 Silver Rangers
- Ben Hemphill Inspirational Award – Michael Caldwell – U13

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