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WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES SOCCER COMPETITION A HUGE SUCCESS!



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The BC Girls U-16 squad captured the Gold at the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games soccer component, defeating Manitoba, 3-1 in a thrilling final. The Boys team wound-up the competition with the Silver Medal, losing to Alberta, 2-0 in the final game. The girls were managed by Steve Yallouz and coached by Marcus Reinkens and Chelsea Hannesson while the boys were under the guidance of manager Rosemary Davis and coaches Mike Findlay and Lucas Palla Pace.

“It was one of the smoothest tournaments I’ve had the privilege of organizing,” says KYSA Executive Director, Keith Liddiard. “And that’s very much a result of the excellent support we received from local volunteers, and in particular, President Graham Cope, former KYSA secretary Kim Bekkering and Candise White, who served as venue managers for the Games.

“I think it safe to say that every coach, manager, athlete and spectator left Kamloops having had a great time. For the players, it was

a wonderful experience playing on the best soccer fields in the province,” Liddiard adds. “We certainly lived up to our claim of being the Tournament Capital of BC!”

The 2011 Western Canada Summer Games involved six U-16 boys and six U-16 girls teams from the four western provinces, the Yukon and the North West Territories.

“I can’t thank the volunteers enough for making it such an enjoyable event for everyone involved,” says Liddiard.

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KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment, at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.



Canada's Tournament Capital

From the desk of Executive Director Keith Liddiard...



Congratulations to the TOFC U-15 Girls who have qualified for the USL Super-Y North American Championships in Tampa, Florida, which takes place December 2-6, 2011. There is one Kamloops' resident player in

the squad, **Paige Martin**, who lives in Dufferin. The team finished in top spot in the Northwest Division of the United Soccer Leagues under the guidance of head coach **John Hemmerling**, assistant coaches **Greg Lakovic** and **Jacques Rivet**, and manager **Tyna Trefry**. The squad will be the first ever female team to represent the Thompson-Okanagan, and Canada for that matter, at the N.A. championships. Good luck, girls!

Our hosting of the soccer competition in the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games was a great success. Through a combined effort of our staff and some very enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, I think it safe to say that all of the twelve teams that took part in the soccer competition left Kamloops with smiles on their faces and fond memories of their stay in the Tournament Capital. Win or lose, there were few, if any, coaches or players who left the city with a scowl on their faces. In fact, the compliments were flowing as all the teams left McArthur Island after the medal presentation ceremony. That was, in large part, due to the tremendous efforts of venue Managers **Kim Bekkering** and **Candise White**, and Games' volunteers **Sandy Blacquiére**, **Katelyn Guise**, **Jaymee Blagborne**, **Brooklyn Callaghan**, **Graham Cope**, **Brittany** and **Denay Davies**, **Ashley Dhillon**, **Katelyn Dyck**, **Ashley Farrell**, **Benjamin Howell**, **Sarah Johnston**, **Lavraj Lidher**, **Danny Nikolic**, **Claudio Sama**, **Ashley Schmidt**, **Rylea Therrien**, **Jaquelyn Webber**, **Jackie Bekkering** and **Lucinda Warke**. Special mention must also go to **Bob Hope**, our Technical Delegate, who traveled up from Victoria, and **Tiberio de Frias**, Supervisor of Officials, and his staff of local referee assessors, **Christian Gayfer**, **Brian Flamank** and **Martin Thompson**, for their tremendous contribution. Lest we forget the group of game officials, most of whom were members of the KSRA, who got some great experience refereeing and lining at a very high level of competition! Congrats to BC and Alberta, who took Gold Medals in the girls and boys divisions, respectively.

On the subject of the Games... I must also commend the staff in the City Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department for the attention they gave to ensuring our needs were met with respect to our hosting duties. In addition, I do not think I have seen *all* ten fields on McArthur Island looking in better shape. We received umpteen commendations from the coaching staff of every team in the competition on the quality of the playing surfaces and the facilities. Thanks to **Byron McCorkell**, the parks department director, and his "team" for the tremendous support!

The KYSA will be the site of nine games in the new EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League pilot season, which runs September through November. The Kamloops' games will be played over the October 15/16 weekend and will match Thompson-Okanagan Football Club teams against Fusion FC squads, the Vancouver/Richmond based entry in the league. There will be five boys matches on Saturday, October 15 and four girls games on Sunday, October 16. Game times will be determined in the coming weeks. TOFC is operating teams in the U-13 up to U-17/18 boys and girls age groups in the BC SPL. The EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League has been introduced to support player development through increased competition for top soccer athletes. Eight founding franchises representing more than 80 per cent of the BC population were announced February 17, 2011. The first full season of competition will begin in March 2012.

Coaches who are interested in taking a National Coaching Certification Program Course in 2012, mark your calendars:
Community Coach-Youth Course - February 25/26
Community Coach-Senior Course - March 10/11
Community Coach-Children's - March 31 (one day)
 The courses will run from 9:00am to 5:00pm each day in the Kamloops Soccer Dome. Participants will have to register through the BC SA web site and pay online. However, the KYSA has a policy of reimbursing each person 50% of the registration fee immediately upon completion of the course and the remaining 50% once the individual has coached a KYSA team for a season. This past year, and again in 2012, thanks to the tremendous sponsorship of Hansport, we were able to provide each participant with a souvenir golf shirt at the end of each course. The BC SA registration portal will not be open for a few more weeks, but if you are intending to register, please make note of the aforementioned course dates.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE KYSA'S WINTER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS!

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<u>MONDAYS</u>	<u>TUESDAYS</u>	<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>	<u>THURSDAYS</u>	<u>FRIDAYS</u>
G'KEEPERS U-11 & UP 5:00PM-6:25PM	UNDER-11 GIRLS 5:00PM-6:25PM	UNDER-12 BOYS 5:00PM-6:25PM	UNDER-12 GIRLS 5:00PM-6:25PM	UNDER-11 BOYS 5:00PM-6:25PM
Boys/Girls U-15 & UP 6:30PM-7:55PM	UNDER-14 BOYS 6:30PM-7:55PM	UNDER-14 GIRLS 6:30PM-7:55PM	UNDER-13 GIRLS 6:30PM-7:55PM	UNDER-13 BOYS 6:30PM-7:55PM

FOURTEEN, 1.5-HOUR SESSIONS PER AGE GROUP - FEE: \$250.00 - PROGRAM STARTS WEEK OF OCTOBER 17!
(INCLUDES JERSEY, SHORTS & SOCKS)

JUNIOR DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE: (FOR THOSE PLAYERS LOOKING TO PLAY REP SOCCER IN THE FUTURE)

<u>SUNDAYS</u>	<u>SUNDAYS</u>
UNDER-7 & UNDER-8 - BOYS & GIRLS 4:30PM-6:00PM	UNDER-9 & UNDER-10 - BOYS & GIRLS 4:30PM-6:00PM

TWELVE, 1.5-HOUR SESSIONS PER AGE GROUP - FEE: \$150.00 - PROGRAM STARTS OCTOBER 23!
(INCLUDES JERSEY, SHORTS & SOCKS)

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<u>SATURDAYS</u>	<u>SATURDAYS</u>
UNDER-5, UNDER-6 & UNDER-7 - BOYS & GIRLS 9:00AM-10:00AM	UNDER-8, UNDER-9 & UNDER-10 - BOYS & GIRLS 10:1500AM-11:15AM

SIX 1-HOUR SESSIONS PER GROUP PRE-CHRISTMAS/SIX 1-HOUR SESSIONS PER GROUP IN THE NEW YEAR!
FEE: \$100.00 FOR 6 SESSIONS - \$180.00 FOR ALL 12 (INCLUDES T-SHIRT) - PROGRAM STARTS OCTOBER 22!

ALL KYSA WINTER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE HELD IN THE KAMLOOPS DOME, 333 NISHGA WAY IN THE MT. PAUL INDUSTRIAL PARK

TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KYSA.NET OR,
TO REGISTER IN PERSON, VISIT THE KYSA OFFICE ON McARTHUR ISLAND
KYSA OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

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From the desk of head coach Tom McManus...



The Autumn season is just around the corner and some people are looking forward to it. I wish our late summer weather would remain for a while longer as we had such a bad spring and early summer. The fall season, for our house league teams, is well underway. The players are out on the pitches enjoying our great game. I always find it sad when the pitches lie empty. The Parks Department has all of the local soccer fields in absolutely fantastic condition. We are so fortunate to have some of the best pitches in the country. The parks guys deserve a pat on the back for their hard work maintaining the grounds.

I have been searching for people to come on board and coach a rep team. I am pleased to say that we have all but one position filled. I am meeting with a couple of individuals who are interested in coaching and I have a very good feeling that one of them may take the one remaining team. Rep coaching can be a very rewarding experience as you get to work with a group of highly motivated players who want to get better and play at a higher level. The parents of these children are also very motivated as they want to see their child play at their best and are willing to travel within TOYSL. They train twice a week and have one game on a Sunday each week. At the end of the season they have the opportunity to qualify for the provincials. We will still be competing for both the A and B cups. The new league, the BC SPL, will be competing for the new "Premier Cup".

This past year KYSA had eight teams compete for a provincial championship. Four of the teams qualified for the A cup and four qualified for the B cup.

This is an incredible number of teams from one club and all of the players and coaches should be congratulated.

Our Hansport-sponsored player development programs are starting soon (see advertisement inside).

The "Senior" DDC program will be starting up the week of October 17th. This program is for any youngster from U-11 to U-18 who is driven to become a better player. We will train once a week in the

Dome for an hour and a half per session. We will work on all of the technical skills necessary to become a good player. This year we will also work on a fitness component during the session focusing on "core" and "speed". The biggest hinderance that I have seen in our players is that they have a tendency to keep their feet still for long periods of time. We will be working on keeping them moving and anticipating where they feel the ball will be going or where it should go. Thinking fast and speed of movement is a very important quality in a good player. The sooner we can work on these things the better our players will be. We will be covering speed of movement in training the same way we do it in a game.

This year we will once again be conducting a Junior DDC program. This program is for young players who are driven and want to become better, stronger players. The Junior DDC is for players in the U-7 to U-10 age groups. They will have fun in these sessions but will also be expected to work hard as well. The staff enjoys working with this young group as they are eager and are like sponges as they soak up as much as they can.

The KDC will also be starting in October. The only difference between this program and the Junior DDC is that these players are just learning and not quite sure if they want to commit to more intensive training. These sessions will be fun as we cover the technical aspects of the game. The last half of each session will be a game as we will split the players up and just let them play.

These programs do fill up quickly so please register early.

I hope that everyone who took part enjoyed the KYSA Soccer School program this past summer. We conducted four camps for players and one camp for goalkeepers. We had a remarkable 19 goalkeepers register for the GKs camp. The coaching staff included Emily Edmunson and Jamie Wheeler, my two TRU goalkeepers, myself and Andy Gelowitz. We had a great week working with these keepers. Dave Martin, Andy and myself conducted the other camps and from what we saw and the feedback we got everyone seemed to enjoy them. The Whitecaps also came to town to conduct a summer soccer school as well and from what I saw it was a fun, enjoyable experience for all of the players who attended.



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The participants in the last KYSA Soccer School of the summer, held August 29-September 2 at McArthur Island. This was a mix of players age 10-14 and goalkeeper's aged 10-16. This year's four KYSA Soccer Schools were under the title sponsorship of McDonald's and Hansport and associate sponsors Umbro Canada, The River, Radio NL, the Kamloops Daily News and Menzies Printers. Thanks to everyone who signed up!