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Dozens More KYSA Coaches Attend BC Soccer Coaching Courses!



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The attendees at the 'Active Start' coaching course in the Soccer Dome, April 19: Back Row, ltoR: Sarah Sharp, Franco Spada, Ashlene Minnabarriet, Paul Ross, Cody Baker, Nathaniel Martin, Rob Armstrong. Middle: Jodi Fisher, Paul Clark, Gerard Beaulieu, Dave Conroy, Jaime Welch, Facilitator Ciaran McMahon. Front: Anne Grimm, Danya Ledue, Tiffany Mackinnon, Shauna Boyko, Jessica Zuidema, Bobbi Sherren, Erin Fletcher, Dennis Piva.

The month of April was a busy one for KYSA Technical Director and BC Soccer Facilitator Ciaran McMahon. Ciaran conducted four coaching clinics—two “Active Start” and two “FUNDamentals” courses over two weekends.

The attendees are pictured above and on pages 3 and 4.

Overall the KYSA has offered seven opportunities for member

coaches to take part in the coach education program in 2015. Starting next year, the head coaches of all KYSA teams—U5 up to U18—will be required to have age-appropriate certification. The Association is planning to offer more coaching courses than usual in the early part of 2016 in an attempt to ensure every head coach has the necessary qualifications.

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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...



The KYSA will be welcoming back the three Stoke City coaches from England for our two high performance soccer schools, August 3-7, 2015. **Mick Murphy, Warren Leat** and **Wayne Allerton** will be returning to conduct week-long sessions for 11 to 17 year-old girls (9:00am to 11:00am) and boys (1:00pm to 3:00pm), before embarking upon their annual visit to Prince George where they will be guest coaches at similar high performance camps. Registration for the Kamloops high performance camps and all the KYSA's week-long summer soccer schools throughout August can be found at www.kysa.net. Included in the summer offerings is an annual KYSA-brand Goalkeeper's camp and an Advanced Strikers camp for any current select player who wants to improve their shooting ability (not only strikers!). The 2015 Summer Soccer School campaign is once again sponsored by Hansport, Umbro Canada, CHNL, The River, Country 101 and Kamloops This Week!



Mick Murphy



Warren Leat



Wayne Allerton

Mark your calendars! On Friday, June 26th the KYSA will be staging an exhibition game between the Moreton School Soccer Academy's U18 boys from Wolverhampton, England, and our own U18 Kamloops Blaze. The match will KO at 6:00pm on McArthur Island Field #2. There will be no admission

charge. One of the coaches of the Moreton Academy is none other than our good friend, **Mick Murphy**. The Wolverhampton boys are spending 21 days touring BC and have a number of other games lined up in the lower mainland during their visit. They are also scheduled to take part in the Kelowna Canada Day Youth Soccer Tournament hosted by Rutland Youth Soccer on June 27/28. It'll be the first time a team from the United Kingdom will play in Kamloops in many years!

One-hundred-seventy-four small-sided KYSA teams took part in the **Errol Wild** Memorial Active Start Mini-Soccer Festival this past weekend on parks throughout the Tournament Capital. This annual event is named after one of Kamloops' soccer legends—a man who gave countless hours to the development of the sport in the Tournament Capital. Errol had a hand in every aspect of the game during his lifetime—youth soccer, men's and women's soccer and university soccer. A mentor to many an aspiring player, a renowned administrator and team manager and coach, Errol passed away in 2009 at too young an age—49.

KYSA pioneer **Pat O'Brien** passes along news of the recent deaths of two of his "soccer moms" as he refers to them: **Myrna Denham** of Norkam and **Maxine Booker** of Westsyde. Maxine, with husband Bill, organized the first youth soccer teams in Westsyde. Pat himself was very instrumental in the formation of the KYSA 50 years ago.

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From the desk of Technical Director, Ciaran McMahon...



With the Spring season winding down, I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of the soccer specific opportunities that exist out there for you and your child to continue to enjoy the beautiful game over

the summer months.

Watching the Women's World Cup...

By now most of you are aware that Canada is hosting the FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup. Vancouver is one of six host cities and is the location of the championship final on July 5th. The quality of women's soccer across the globe is improving quickly. 2015 represents the first year the WWC will have 24 teams participating compared to 16 at the 2011 tournament and 32 in the Men's World Cup. Attendance at the World Cup opening game on June 6, 2015 in Edmonton, is already at a record 42,000 tickets sold breaking the previous attendance record of 29,000 for a women's game on Canadian soil. With plenty of live games to watch at respectable times there is plenty of opportunity for fans to support Team Canada and for interested players and coaches to observe the best players in the world and learn how they play the game.

How can you show your support?

WATCH A GAME LIVE... there are still some tickets left for games in Vancouver. Check out www.fifa.com/womensworldcup for full details. With tickets as low as \$30 there is something for everyone and chances like this do not come around very often.

WATCH THE GAME WITH KYSA... As avid supporters ourselves, the KYSA is hosting an open house viewing party every time Team Canada plays. Come wearing your Red & White. Remaining games are:

- June 11 (Thu), 7pm kick-off – World Cup Group Stage Game vs New Zealand
- June 15 (Mon), 4:30pm kick-off – World Cup Group Stage Game vs Netherlands

All viewings will be in the clubhouse above the KYSA Office. Doors will be open at least 15 minutes before the designated kick-off times. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item(s) for the Kamloops Food Bank!

Download the App... You can download the Pride & Joy Cheer App to show your support for Canada and help raise up to \$100,000 for Canadian youth soccer clubs. Simply by shaking the Pride & Joy app whenever the Canadian Women's Team plays, funds will be raised for selected clubs across Canada (one such club is TOFC—the BC SPL representative for the Thompson Okanagan region with over 25 players from Kamloops). Make sure that you, your family and friends download the Cheer App at www.PrideandJoy2015.ca.

Playing Recreationally...

This is one of the best ways to maintain one's skills over the summer months. We will again be hosting a weekly drop-in for players and parents of all ages—free of charge. Monday evenings from 4:30pm to 6:00pm on McArthur Island #3 starting in July. This is open to players of all ages and parents are welcome to join when appropriate. Come by, strap on your boots and play. Please check our website for updates to our planned schedule.

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The coaches who attended the "FUNDamentals" coaching course, April 12: Back Row, LtoR: Gerald Wiebe, Gino Covaceuszach, Matthew Wallin, Ryan Filek, Douglas Hickey, Tim Labermeyer, Nathaniel Martin. Middle row: Denton Elliott, Chris Matthews, Kaylee Church, Peter Baltakis (withdrew), Steve Coelho, Peter Dabrowski, BC Soccer Facilitator, Ciaran McMahon. Front row: Bruce Boulter, Kathy Matthews, Jeffrey Dempster (withdrew), Jeff Jakel, Phil Arkininstall, John Bonato, Coby Fulton, Bruce Harrison.

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The coaches who took part in the 'Active Start' course, April 11: Back row, ltoR: Chad Forman, Graeme Hill, Teague Brinkworth, Hardeep Chahal, Stephen Gayfer, Chris Russo. Middle: Mark Tommasini, Kathryn Weicker, Shawn Grant, Lou Chevrier, Mike Helfrich, Chris Latrace, Peter McKenna, Facilitator Ciaran McMahon. Front: Jasmin Jhaj, Trevor & Michelle MacRae, Cathy Chornlesky, Kate Supernant, Linda Stride, Kristi Jones-McKenna.



Graduates of the "FUNDamentals" coaching course, April 18 are: Back row, ltoR: Eric Valdal, Jonathon Young, Andrew Clare, Gordon Krahn, Cory Smeaton, Trevor Christianson, Cody Tosoff, Jason Nickel. Middle: Christine Matuschewski, April Greig, Kristina Marchand, Shawn Grant, Patrick Ebert, Chris Carr, John Grover, John Monte Shantz, Brandon Kuromi. Front: Carla Martin, Ashley Buckmaster, Tasha Vedd, Joshua Miller, Sarah Gjaltema, Jenny Cassidy, Sarah Pierce, Holly Neufeld, Facilitator, Ciaran McMahon. (Not shown: Tamara Pitre)



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