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Thirty-Seven Coaches Take Part In FUNdamentals Course!



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Congratulations to the 37 parent-volunteers who took part in the "Fundamentals" Coaching Course, April 7 & 10, 2017 at the Soccer Dome!
 Back Row, L-R: Peter Kozic, James Peters, Matthew Rich, Oskar Schneider, Walt Kirshner, Todd Goodsell, Austin Pietramala. Third Row, L-R: Ciaran McMahon (BC Soccer Facilitator), Gabrielle Boutin, Shantel Renner, Sarah Sharp, Charles Lapeyre, Jeff Clark, Garrett Whitworth, Jed Nisenson, Caitlin Sharp, Ho-Young Chung, Steve Smith (standing next to facilitator, Mark Bell). Second Row, L-R: Brad Hansen, Robinder Gill, Kevin Wills, Alisa Adamson, Jada Britton, Tiffany MacKinnon, Lauren Sevigny, Colin Brost, Christopher Russo, Amanda Brennan. Front Row, L-R: Hanna Berg, Erin Fletcher, Susan Lissel, Kate Supernant, Kaine Corrigan, Dominique Manwaring, Ryan Sirriani, Heather Hegyi, Jodi Fisher, Noel Poole.

Another 37 parent-volunteers took part in the KYSA's Coach Education Program, April 7 & 10, when they participated in the "FUNdamentals" training course held at the Soccer Dome. The FUNdamentals Coaching Course is tailored primarily for coaches who work with U7 and U8 players.

The KYSA is offering one more coach training opportunity August 26/27—another "Learning to Train" course at McArthur Island. Learning to Train is geared toward coaches of U9 to U12 players. Interested in participating? Register at www.coachcentre.ca. There is no cost for any active KYSA coach to enroll in the course.

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



"A coach's plea to parents" taken from the Globe and Mail (contributed by Alison Belbin—edited for space).

This may ring true for some of you. It helps highlight some of the struggles we all go through to provide the best environment possible for the players to enjoy the game. To all of you who sacrifice your time and effort ... Thank You!

I am here, on time. My mortgage is late; my oldest child is suffering through trouble at school; my youngest child begged me not to leave, and my husband and I haven't looked each other in the eye for days. But none of this matters now. I am here, on the field with your child, and mine.

Your daughter is funny, kind and thoughtful. And tonight she had a great practice. She struggled with a new skill and shook off a solid smack to her ear from a ball. We laughed. She also told me something that has been bothering her, asking shyly that I not tell anyone.

We celebrate together and we all feel the same sting of defeat when the bounce of the ball is not in our favour. We step on the field with the best intentions. We try.

In the time it takes me to drive home and microwave my dinner, you have hastily typed an e-mail. My youngest has fallen asleep and

I sit at the table alone, reading how you feel I've let your child down. It's a shame, I think, that you missed the girls hugging and cheering each other on tonight while you were at the coffee shop around the corner.

If we win, I'll read that it's because the more talented girls got too much playing time; that I'm too competitive. If we lose, it's because I played the developing players too much; I'm not pushing them hard enough.

I know what you've told her about me and I know what you've said about her teammates. And yet, your daughter and I both keep showing up. We keep trying.

I may not do it the way you would. I may not speak to your daughter the way you would, but she needs more than one voice in her head.

I am not a professional. I am a parent who loves the game and has the desire to pass that on. I accepted the role I was offered; not for a paycheque, not for status, certainly not for praise. I accepted this role because I have been where your daughter is now. I also had coaches who believed in me, just as I believe in your daughter.

I learned early on that my coach was neither my parent nor my friend. I admired them and sought their praise. I hated them sometimes, too. If I thought I deserved a higher standing on that team, it was up to me to earn it. On her team, she is finding her identity and her place among her peers. Let her discover this, on her own.

Let her play.



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Attendees at the April 12 "Active Start" Coaching course were: Back row, L-R: Tiffany Carmichael, Jeremy Piva, Cory Erlandson, Cory Durant, Jane Haywood-Farmer, Kylie Huffman. Middle row, L-R: Ho-Young Chung, Andrea Mangell, Peter Moore, Chad Russett, Kyra Sinclair, Paul Da Silva. Front row, L-R: Austin Pietramala, Megan Bye, Tim Brunt, Eric Davis, Francesca Lucia, Kevin Cassidy.



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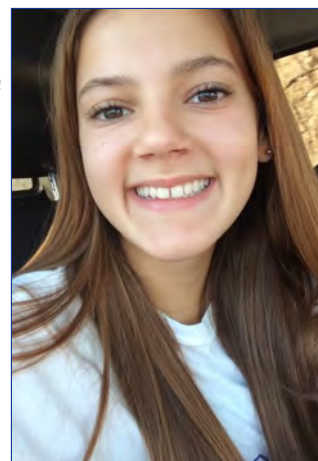
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From the desk of Executive Director, Keith Liddiard...



The KYSA has been chosen to host the 2018 Girls Provincial B Cup finals! The event is to be held July 5-8. The Provincial B Cup is open to select teams in the U13 to U18 age groups. The tournament will bring together eight qualifiers in each division. KYSA teams receive an automatic entry into the final rounds (as KYSA is the host).

Kamloops-resident **Sophia Seibel** has been selected to join the Women's Regional EXCEL Centre (REX), an elite program that is part of the Canada Soccer Pathway and supported by the Vancouver Whitecaps FC, BC Soccer and Canada Soccer. Seibel is the first player from Kamloops' Whitecaps Academy and the TOFC to be selected to the women's residency program. The aim of the program is to develop high-level women's soccer players who can one day compete with Canada's national team. Meanwhile, **Alesandro Comita** has become the second Kamloops player to be selected to join the Whitecaps' pre-residency program. However, he has chosen not to accept the invitation at this time. Alesandro is just the second player from Kamloops' Whitecaps Academy and TOFC to be identified as a candidate for the program. **Wil Calne** was the first last year.



Sophia Seibel

I am delighted to report that the three Stoke City FC coaches who will be teaching at this year's KYSA High Performance Soccer School will be **Mick Murphy, Wayne Allerton and Callum Feeney**. This year's camps are scheduled for August 8-11. Details are listed in the accompanying advertising flyer inserted with this mailing. Mick and Wayne have been regular guest coaches since the KYSA established a connection with the club five years ago. The opportunity to be coached by experienced top level coaches comes around only once a year, so I suggest those of you who would like to see your players/children involved in the HP camps sign up ASAP. We are pleased to offer a special rate for any teams who would like to register as a group. Call **Clive Lovett** in the KYSA office to investigate! Check out other available KYSA Summer Soccer Schools on the enclosed flyer.

This year's Provincial Cup venues are as follows: The Premier Cup (for BC SPL teams only) is being held in Coquitlam, June 24/25. The Provincial A Cup is being organized by the Centreal City Breakers in Surrey. The Provincial B Cup for Girls is being staged in South Surrey and is being hosted by Coastal FC. The **Les Sinnott** Provincial B Cup for Boys is being held in Vernon. The Provincial A & B Cup final rounds are set for July 6-9. The KYSA has entries in all eligible competitions.



The 39 coaches who attended the "Learn To Train" Coaching Course, April 8/9 at the TCC were: Back Row, L-R: Ryan Filek, John Monte Shantz, Bryce Egdell, Patrick Dalton, Matt Wallin, Frank Faraone, Cliff McGillis, Marty Tazelaar, Chad McIntosh, Chuck Parken. Third Row, L-R: Gord Ronmark, Volker Wolf, Andrew Clare, Tory Greenidge, Douglas Hickey, Joshua Wells, Nathaniel Martin, Quinton Harasemchuk, Ryan Kazakoff, D'Arcy Scallon. Second Row (Sitting), L-R: Tyler Becker, Bruce Hegyi, Darren McCulloch, Jonathon Young, Jeff Jakel, Cara McKelvey, Henry Chin, Ernie Cupello, Zach Bryant, Jeff Murphy. Front Row, L-R: (kneeling) Ciaran McMahon, BC Soccer Facilitator, Mark Flegel, Natasha Breakey, Katina Pearson, Derrick Gladdish, Katie Neustaeter, Dominique Manwaring, Mark Walker (Kelowna), Dj Khelouati, Jack Humphrey, Mark Bell (KYSA Senior Staff Coach). Photo: Andrew Snucins.

Congratulations are extended to Past-President **Graham Cope** on being honoured by BC Soccer with an *Award of Merit* at their AGM, June 10. The provincial association's Award of Merit is presented to individuals in recognition of contributions to soccer during a period of ten or more years, as a player, manager, coach, official or administrator at the club/league or district level.

Graham has been an elected member of the KYSA board for the last 11 years, 10 of which he has served as President—a remarkable level of dedication for a volunteer. Graham also served as a Governor of the BC Soccer Premier League in its inaugural season.



The 13 coaches who took part in the Soccer for Life Coaching Course, April 22/23 were, Back Row, LtoR: Luis Adamo, Nathan Pehowich, Stephen Lidguard, Mark Brown, John Komljenovic, Ryan Hill, Mark Bell (Course Facilitator). Front Row, LtoR: Cliff Robinson, Quinn Meixner, Grace Graham, Chris Buttazzoni, Bryce Egdell, Lane Filimek. (Missing from photo: John Chow). Photo: Andrew Snucins.

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