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Eight Parent-Volunteer Coaches Attend Final KYSA-Hosted Coaching Course In 2017!



Eight KYSA coaches took part in the final coaching course being offered in Kamloops in 2017 - Learn To Train. Our congratulations on completing the course: LtoR: Ciaran McMahon, BC Soccer Facilitator/KYSA Technical Director, Cody Tosoff, Adam Simpson, Andrew Williams, Wayne Hobson, Trevor Christianson, Mike Toews, Jen Fretz, Nevada Woods.

Eight KYSA parent-volunteer coaches took part in the last scheduled KYSA-hosted/BC Soccer Coaching Course of the year—Learn To Train. Held under beautiful sunny skies at McArthur Island on the weekend of August 26/27, the course was conducted by BC Soccer Facilitator/KYSA TD Ciaran McMahon.

Over the course of the year, 126 individuals have attended the six BC Soccer coaching courses that have been held in Kamloops. The KYSA paid the registration fee for each person to attend a course, a policy that will continue in 2018! Thanks to all those people who are now better equipped to coach their players!

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



It is with much pride that I report that the KYSA has been chosen by Kamloops This Week readers as "One Of The Best Local Sports Organizations" in the city. This recognition is very much a reflection of the hard work and dedication of your volunteer board of directors, our team in the KYSA office, hundreds of team coaches and

managers and our corps of staff coaches who work so diligently under the guidance of Technical Director **Ciaran McMahon**.

It is with much regret that I also report that Program Coordinator **Sarah Johnson** has left the KYSA to take up a position with the City of Kamloops Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. Sarah has been with us on a part-time basis for the past 5 years and has done an excellent job fulfilling the Program Coordinator's role. All of us at soccer HQ extend our best wishes to Sarah for her future endeavors. Select Program Coordinator **Clive Lovett** is taking on some of Sarah's duties for the foreseeable future.

Mark your calendars: The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the KYSA is scheduled to take place Thursday, November 23 in the meeting room above the KYSA office starting at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We'd like to offer our sincerest thanks and appreciation to all those businesses who gave us donations for our inaugural *Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Night* held September 23rd at St. Ann's Academy: Costco Wholesale; Cintas-The Uniform People; Dairy Queen; No Limits Fitness; Piva Financial; Pronto Enterprises; Fresh Is Best; Eyes International; Earls Grill & Bar; Vancouver Whitecaps FC; Woodland Equipment; Kelowna Curling Club; TRU Women's and Men's Soccer Teams; Shoppers Drug Mart-North Shore; Redwing Shoes; Hal-



Sarah Johnson

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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



Recently we held our first annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Banquet attended by over one-hundred-forty of our players, coaches, parents, sponsors and significant others. The food at St. Ann's was amazing and the company even more so.

Thank you to all who came to support this event and to our Banquet Committee (Candace Dodson-Willis, Colin Guise, Tony Cuzzetto and Rod Gurnsey) for the significant efforts it took to put this evening together. All told the event helped to raise over \$3500 which will go toward supporting our inclusive programming as well as the KYSA Scholarship Fund. This event will only grow for next year!

Our award winners (as nominated by the membership) are:

House Coach of the Year
Corey Smeaton ~ Team U10 Boys

Select Coach of the Year
Austin Pietramala ~ U14 Boys

Manager of the Year
Naomi Hori ~ U15 Girls Select

Mini Male Player of the Year
Noel Poole Jr. ~ U10 Boys Team #3

Mini Female Player of the Year
Addison Moroz ~ U9 Girls Team #7

Youth Male Player of the Year
No nominations

Youth Female Player of the Year
Kate Roth ~ U17 Girls Team #3

Select Male Player of the Year
Dylan Barrett ~ U15 Boys Select

Select Female Player of the Year
Kelly Kosolofski ~ U14 Girls Select

Development Male Player of the Year
Lucca Fattor ~ U12 Boys

Development Female Player of the Year
Ava Barrett ~ U11 Girls

We had many more nominations and we wish to thank everyone who submitted a candidate. There are so many great coaches, managers and players at our club who deserve recognition for their contributions. We wish to extend a sincere thank you to all of you (nominated or not). The

time you dedicate to help provide a positive and safe environment that supports the development of all our participants is valued in countless ways. Thank you!

As one season comes to an end and the planning for the next has already begun, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some of the changes you can expect for next season. Each year we offer an opportunity to our members to provide feedback about the challenges they have faced this season or the compliments they wish to pass along. We use this information to inform our

planning and find solutions that help improve our programs to better suit the needs and desires of you (our members). Some of the changes we are planning for next season include:

- Removing the mandatory September season. All teams will play in April, May & June only.
- Adding a pre-season staffed training session for all U7 to U12 age groups
- Adding a season kick-off Jamboree for all U7 to U12 age groups
- Introducing one game per week at the U13 age groups to allow a more gradual and positive transition to 11v11 play.



The current crop of KYSA grads on the TRU Wolfpack Women's Soccer Team. (L-R) Shae Fuoco, Sasha Sirianni, Keenen Degen, Georgia Aldus, Cassie Morris, Gwen Freeze, Emerson Hansen, Emily Mann (Photo: Taylor Shantz).



KYSA graduates on the 2017 TRU Men's Soccer Team that will compete in the USports Nationals at the TCC in November: (LtoR) Justin Donaldson, Kyle Hutton, Allan Connor, Lubomir Magdolen, Cole Hooper and Zahk Barone.

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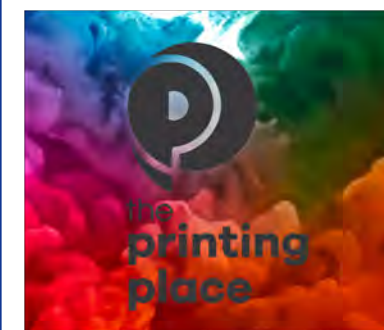
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