

HILLWOOD FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER

From the desk of the Hillwood Club President....

A Season of Many Thanks!

Tis the start of the holiday season and the famed SYSA City-tournament! And as I have in the past, I sit back a bit at this time to reflect and appreciate the good things in life, with a few personal family changes in the past year that sometimes shakes a person to the core. I hope we all realize the fact that good people have come and gone through our lives that we sometimes forget to acknowledge. So, to make sure I don't do that, I want to give everyone a "virtual" hug and hardy pat on the back, along with my many thanks for supporting our collective efforts this past year in providing a cost effect recreational sport to the kids of the greater Shoreline area.

This past year we again had some great learning experiences with our sister-club Shorelake in opening the competitive doors at an earlier age, and for the second year in a row had a combined U8 and U9 league. Competition was solid and feedback from the "other" side of I-5 was appreciative of the sideline behavior as well as the competitive teams we provided. I thank those who assisted in making the second year of this Club-bonding experience a success.

Registration was relatively smooth this year, as most of our Registrars came back for a second/third/fourth round of lending the Club a hand in forming teams, huge kudos in this effort by the way. I also wanted to thank those who worked tirelessly on scheduling, field maintenance, field lining, and getting the nets out - realize this, without our collective efforts things would not get done and sadly, many kids would have to go without!

At our recently conducted City-Tournament meeting for teams U11 and above, of the 30 or so U11+ teams a solid 27 Hillwood teams have entered the tournament and will represent our Club, best of luck to all! And a hearty thanks to the coaches and managers who are willing to extend their volunteer time to prepare their team for this truly one of a kind experience!

For the first time, in recent memory, the Club attempted a fund-raiser for supporting the field's fund and soccer scholarships. Asking only teams who wanted to partake in the effort, we raised \$1400 and along with a very generous donation, \$500, from Chevy and Chuck Olson Chevrolet in Shoreline. That \$1900 will help a lot of soccer families who need financial help for their kids to play and go toward the purchase of some really great dirt next spring!

To sum things up, we are extremely lucky to have such a solid volunteer core here in Shoreline. Hillwood has been providing a quality soccer experience to the kids of the greater Shoreline area prior to the formation of SYSA in 1969, thus, our leadership is required in leading the future of youth soccer in and around our home area. I ask that you

look around and make sure you acknowledge those around you, beyond just your family and those whom you volunteer with and make sure they know they are needed, appreciated, and valued members of our community.

Happy T-day! Season's greetings! And all the best for a safe holiday season,

Sincerely,

D.J. Yasui

President, Hillwood Soccer Club

Play on

City Tournament

Just as soccer season ended for some of us, for others it ratcheted up a notch. Games for the City Tournament began November 28th and will continue until the finals on December 17th. The matches are played weeknights and weekends on fields throughout the city. This year, Hillwood has 27 of its 30 teams playing! With the double elimination style, each team plays a minimum of 2 games. Finals will be held at Summit/Hale field complex and Shoreline A/B fields. If you're available on Saturday the 17th, come out to cheer the kids on!

For those of you not in the tournament but interested in being involved, how about volunteering? There will be opportunities to assist families, players, help with trophies, balls or just insure that everything runs smoothly. In addition to an enjoyable way to be a part of things, middle school and high school students can accrue community service hours. This is a fun and easy way to help out. If you're interested, e-mail Ed D'Alessandro at

exccdir@susa.org

Turkey Shoot Jamboree

While parents warmed themselves with free coffee, the kids burned their Thanksgiving energy in the 12th Annual Turkey Shoot Jamboree. The Jamboree, hosted by Seattle United, was held at the Shoreline A/B Field Complex on Saturday November 26th. Players enjoyed a beautiful, rain free day for the matches. Games were played round robin style with groups of four teams. This allowed players to face off in three fast and furious twenty-four minute matches. The Boy Scouts have their Turkey Burner bike ride, Jazzercise has Friday After Thanksgiving and Hillwood Soccer has the Turkey Shoot. Keep this event in mind for next year; it's a great way for the kids to get moving again after all that turkey and pie!

Chevy Youth Soccer Clinic

Hundreds of Seattle area players attended the Chevy Youth Soccer Clinic this past October. This clinic was held on two separate Sundays and coached by the UW Husky Men's and Women's teams. For three hours, kids rubbed shoulders with college players and coaches, working in small groups on foot skills. Participants returned home with gift bags and free tickets to the Husky/Cougar soccer match (which ended in a 0-0 draw after double overtime).

Raffle

On November 18th, flanked on each side by a yellow jerseyed player, club president D.J. Yasui, accepted a \$500 check from Chevy for Hillwood's participation in this year's raffle. This check, together with the \$1430 raised in ticket sales, will be used for field maintenance and improvements.

Drawings are to be held December 15th. Grand Prize winners receive their choice of a Chevy Equinox or Cruz; second prize winners, a home stereo system.

Our prize winning ticket sellers were the BU7 Hurricanes and the BU14 Falcons. The Hurricanes won an ice cream party by selling the most tickets for their U6-U9 category. The Falcons sold the most tickets among U10 and up, winning a pizza party. Way to go!

The following teams won T-shirts, pennies, soccer balls and equipment: GU6 Fireballs, GU6 Fireflies, BU6 Hammers, BU6 Soccer Rockets, BU6 Super Mario Bullets, BU8 Black Cats, GU9 Boas, BU9 Storm Troopers, GU10 Kicking Kangaroos, GU12 Flames, GU12 Steel Panthers, and GU13 Wildcats.

Thank you to our local Chevy affiliate (Chuck Olson Chevy in Shoreline), Tony and Lisa for organizing the raffle and all the participating teams!

Club Treasurer Needed

Volunteer job title:

Treasurer of Club Board

Type of job:

Governance of club

Job duties:

The treasurer is an officer position on the club board.

1. Maintain complete, current, and accurate records of all financial transactions of the

Club. Maintain current reconciliations of all financial accounts.

2. Publish a periodic report reflecting the current financial position to the club Board.
3. Be responsible for all funds of the Club which shall be deposited in the name of the Club in one or more checking accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, or money market mutual funds sponsored by state or federally chartered banking institutions. Issue all checks and process all deposits for income and expenses of the club.
4. Prepare an annual budget for the Club's operations for presentation at a Board of Director's meeting.
5. Register the Club annually as a non-profit corporation with the WA State Secretary of State.
6. Prepare and submit Internal Revenue Service reports required by law. These may include W-2, W-4, 1099, 990, 990T, and others. Prepare and submit any reports required by the state which may include Department of Revenue tax reports, Labor and Industry reports, Unemployment Insurance, and others.

Time commitment:

This is a year round position, requiring approximately 5 hours a month for most of the year. During peak registration season, year end, budget preparation, and some other busy periods it may require an additional 3 hours per week for 3-5 weeks during the year. Attendance at monthly board meeting is expected.

Skills needed:

The club treasurer can be anyone with some background and experience with budgets, general accounting functions, and non profit accounting principles. Detail oriented and comfortable working with numbers.

What's fun about this job:

Meeting and working with the other board members; understanding and learning about how the club operates; helping the club stay within budget and manage it's finances.

If you're interested in this position or would like more information please call or e-mail:

Pete: 206-542-3353,

prekeges@att.net

Sue: hillwoodsoccerclub@hillwoodsoccer.com

Heads' Up

Awards Ceremony

We are currently accepting Coach and Volunteer of the year nominations for the February awards ceremony. This event is open to anyone interested in attending and will be held at Einstein Middle school. 1st and 2nd place Division winners will be recognized, boys' and girls' coaches and volunteers, among others. We realize this is a busy time of year for many, so we will try to limit the time to an hour. Vote via e-mail, PO Box or turn your nomination into a board member.

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Spring Soccer

Are you interested in spring soccer? Registration is in January and February. The season runs from the end of March to late April/early May and tends to be a more relaxed schedule. For those of you not involved in other spring activities, this is a great opportunity to stay in shape and strengthen your game. Registration is through SYSA, not Hillwood. Information will be available through them closer to the time. More details to follow in the coming newsletter.

Fall Registration

As this season wraps up, make a mental note that registration for next year's fall soccer is in **May**. When the garden is calling, baseball bats swinging and the school year is drawing to a close, take a few minutes to log on. Registration will be open to returning players only for these two weeks and is **your best option for being placed back on the same team next season**. Minimize confusion and disappointment come August, by taking advantage of preregistration. Look for reminder e-mails or log on to the Hillwood website in the spring.

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Shout Outs

Mike Bell received SYSA's Volunteer of the month award. For three years now, Mike has been the Hillwood Coaches' representative. Mike coaches GU9 Boys and is the assistant coach for the BU7 Wildcats. Thank you, Mike, for your dedication to the club and our kids!

Honoring the Game

A special mention goes out to our U11 and up players for good sportsmanship. This season there were no red cards issued to any of our players and only 2 yellows. Thank you for setting a good example for the younger players and taking the good with the bad gracefully! You have truly honored the game.

Thank you

All teams who sold raffle tickets

Toni McSorley and Lisa White for coordinating the raffle

Volunteers who lined the fields and took care of the game nets this season

Annalise Nye for organizing the UK International Camps for Hillwood to be held during spring and summer breaks.

Congratulations

To the following teams that came in 1st and 2nd place in their division this season:

BU11 Gladiators 1st, BU15 Tigers 2nd, GU11 Diamonds 1st, GU11 Strikers 2nd, GU12 Steel Panthers 2nd, GU13 Cougars 1st, GU15 Firecrackers 2nd and GU17 Thunder 2nd.

More Information:

Hillwood website -

www.hillwoodsoccer.com

Maps to fields -

www.sysa.org

Coach and player clinics -

www.sysa.org

Tournaments -

<http://www.wsysa.com/>

Referee clinics -

<http://www.wasrc.org/>

Return equipment can be dropped off at 20136 23rdPL NW or call 206-542-3353

Happy Holidays

Thank you to everyone participating in Hillwood Soccer this season

Together, we're creating experiences and memories to follow our kids into the future

Have a Joyful Season!