



GLENWOOD SPRINGS SOCCER CLUB

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Winter Newsletter, 2011

NOTES FROM THE SOCCER BOARD

How would you sum up your child's fall season? We'd like to hear about it and it will only take few seconds of your time. We're excited to conduct our first ever online seasonal survey on our website. In that spirit of feedback, I'd like to tell you about a few highlights we've had as an organization this fall and share some of the enthusiasm and momentum we see for club soccer in our valley.

- Economically speaking, times have been better here in the Roaring Fork Valley, yet the club held it's own and was able to meet all it's financial obligations without dipping into savings for the past two years. It may not seem like much to brag about, but I consider this a great endorsement for the value the club offers for a season of quality soccer for our youth. It says a lot about what our priorities as a community are too; I think it's important to acknowledge the strength and vitality of any programs that support our youth.
- We've continued to demonstrate our position of leadership in the soccer community on the Western Slope by hosting free coaching clinics, starting up informal local coaching forums for sharing ideas and peer problem solving, and also embracing and customizing US Soccer Federations Curriculum released this summer and providing this great resource to all our coaches for the fall season.
- GSSC continued to raise the bar for competitive soccer offerings; our Girls U18 State team was bumped from their first place finish in Division 4 last fall up to Division 2 this season and finished squarely in the middle of the pack. We endorsed and sent a handful of players that were up for the challenge to the regionally impressive first year showing of Colorado West Select, playing at the highest level of state competition.
- The number of new coaches stepping forward this year was impressive and we helped clarify our director of coaching support role for these new coaches. Also, we were able to test some new "contract" coaching concepts that were very well received and will be expanded next season and beyond.

I'd like to end the year thanking all our volunteers who make soccer come alive for our kids in the Roaring Fork Valley: the refs, the coaches, tournament staff, field volunteers, fellow board members and all you parents out there who have made Glenwood Springs Soccer Club the healthy, vital, thriving organization it is today. Please spend a moment on our website's survey to share your highlights with us and have a great winter season.

See you on the pitch,
Lindsay Brown
Club President

To Participate in the Fall Survey

Go to the club website: www.glenwoodsoccer.org
On the home page there is a link to the survey...
Thanks for taking a few minutes to give us feedback!

WELCOME TO MOE'S!

REGISTRATION RALLY & FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, JAN 10TH 5-8pm
Soccer Night at Moe's!

U10-U18players: We must verify your birth certificate...so please bring a copy if you have not already provided one.

SEE YOU THERE!



COACHES FORUMS

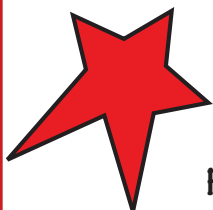
I am very impressed with the caliber of coaching in this club as well as with the desire of our coaches to continue learning, and this fall GSSC decided to take advantage of those two qualities to start the Coaches Forums. The Coaches Forum is a place to provide coaches with more resources for in-season training both through a topic discussion and peer to peer question and answers.

The Forums are designed to be enjoyable and are therefore kept to an hour long starting with a 20 minute topic presentation with open questions and discussion filling the remaining time. Our first forum topic discussed the new coaching curriculum that GSSC introduced this fall. The second forum topic was presented by our Director of Coaching, Brad Jordan, about proposed evaluations he'll be performing for all coaches next season. After each presentation the bulk of discussion was introduced by open questions from attending coaches about their teams. Great solutions from the group were offered with several coaches later discussing about how quickly and effectively they were able to use the new coaching tips.

All coaches are constantly learning and we all have experiences to offer to help each other, and this is the foundation on which these forums are built. We are excited about this new program and have received encouraging feedback from the coaches who have attended the first two Forums.

Look for announcements from the club for the Forums to start again in the Spring!

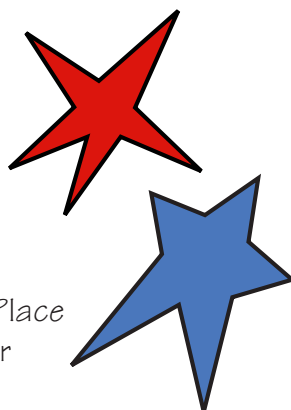
Brendon Langenhuizen
Board Member
Coaching Development Committee



**CONGRATULATIONS,
Fall League Medalists!**

U12 Girls - WSSL Green Division* 2nd Place
Coached by Oscar Diaz and Troy Harbour

U12 Boys - WSSL Green Division* 2nd Place
Coached by Mike McCoy and Bruce Barth



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Greetings! We have completed another season and have begun planning for the upcoming Spring season.

This Fall, we implemented a new format for evaluating our competitive coaching staff. We have developed an assessment form to use while observing a game, scrimmage, or training session. I observe the team and coach, then provide the coach with positive reinforcement and coaching tips to accomplish his/her goals. At times, I will address the players, to demonstrate techniques and/or approaches to summarize the overall play. We plan to extend this assessment for our Developmental coaches in the Spring. As a club, we feel that this is a dynamic approach to give our coaches opportunities to learn, expand teaching methods and see the results from their volunteer efforts.

I ran some training sessions for developmental players in order to show our coaches how we would like train our U7/U8 players using the new training manual. We incorporated the parents/coaches in some of the exercises, to emphasize how the players would perceive the exercise and to demonstrate how to alter some of the activities to enhance the player's abilities throughout the season. Participating in the exercises is a great way for our coaches to experience some of the challenges they will experience from the players during the season.

The Jamboree for our under 6 year olds was another fun season! These children are getting better every season! I am not sure what our parents are teaching these players in the 'off season' or what they may be learning from older siblings, but they are pushing for more challenges. A program that started off as 'introduction to soccer' now includes new ball skill activities every season.

I am looking forward to the Spring season, when I can help our coaches and players continue to develop skills to become the best that they can be! We plan to offer additional 'guest' coach sessions to offer specific training sessions for players.

Keep an eye on the website for upcoming events!

Brad Jordan
Director of Coaching and Player Development



VOLUNTEER COACHING STAFF
FALL, 2011

Thank you, *coaches*, for another great season working with our children!

U6: Brad Jordan

U7/U8: Ed Olszewski, Matt Burt, Laurie Taylor, Danielle Cerise, Rebecca Norvell, Chris Rey, Jenica Vandermark, Erik Johnson, Rachel Armstrong

U10: Bill Young, Jose Villegas, Jared Burt, Scott Baltzer, Adam Juul, Ken Murphy, Chris Adelman, Ty McSwain, Laurie Taylor, Jenny Barsness

U12: Mike McCoy, Bruce Barth, Carl Uyehara, Oscar Diaz, Troy Harbour, Makenzie Eshelman, Patty McKinney, Craig Helm

U14: Julie Stepniewski, Richard Johnson, John Fetzko, Brendon Langenhuizen

U18: Lindsay Brown, Martin Pearson, Lauren Martin, Wayne Smith, Brad Jordan

Welcome, New Referees!

We would like to recognize **Kim Tucker** for her efforts getting refs on the field week after week each season. She does a great job for the club.

We had eleven new referees certify and take the field this season. This is a huge help in getting games covered. We are very grateful to these young kids in stripes: **LJ Fetzko, Quincy Dollahan, Matt and Will Osier, Mason Yellico, Shay Helm, Makena Warren, Makenzi Johnson, Abby Kruse, Megan Mazzotta and Megan Uren.**

It takes a great deal of courage to stand alone in the center of a game -we applaud your efforts. A reminder to all participants out there-players, coaches, and fans... keep your comments **POSITIVE!**

There are clinics offered throughout the year - if you are interested in becoming a ref, please contact the office.

2012 BOARD MEMBERS

Lindsay Brown, Board President
Brad Jordan, Director of Coaching
Bruce Barth
Russell Brown
Colleen Dollahan
Breanne Gabossi
Glenn Hartmann
Craig Helm
Brendon Langenhuizen
Ty McSwain
Julie Stepniewski

Position Available: There is an open position on the board for a budget and finance chairperson. If you have this experience and are interested in serving on the board, please contact a board member or the club office for more information.

Soccer Club Wish List

- Work Day Volunteers to construct a storage shed at Glenwood Park. (Date tba-early spring)
- Experienced Referees to mentor new refs
- Host Families for Summer Camp Coaches

Tournament News

Mark you calendars:
May 26th and 27th, 2012
14th Annual Glenwood Invitational
Gates Soccer Fields/CMC U10-U14 Teams

Summer Camps

This summer we will sponsor 2 summer camps:
NSA in June and another camp in August.
Dates will be announced soon.



SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION

Remember: You can play up with your classmates, but you cannot play down beneath your age bracket.

Competitive: Payment DUE JAN 15TH

U18	High School Boys	\$215
	Birthdates 8/1/93 - 7/31/97	
U14*	7th & 8th Graders	\$190
	Birthdates 8/1/97 - 7/31/99	
U12*	5th & 6th Graders	\$190
	Birthdates 8/1/99 - 7/31/01	

*Returning Fall Players must register by 1/15/12 to reserve your roster spot. New spring players, please contact the office for waitlist information.

Developmental: Payment DUE JAN 15TH

U10	3rd & 4th Graders	\$100
	Birthdate 8/1/01 - 7/31/03	

Recreational: Payment DUE MAR 15TH

U8	2nd Graders	\$75
U7	1st Graders	\$75

Jamboree: Open Registration

U6	Pre-School and Kinders	\$45
	Birthdate 8/1/05 - 7/31/03	
	Start Date 4/13/12	

Late Fees Apply after Deadlines and roster spots are not guaranteed.

Register ONLINE: www.glenwoodsoccer.org
Players Tab: SAM Online Registration
or

REGISTER AT MOE'S ON JAN 10TH, 5-8PM

WE CAN MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU!



WE LOVE THIS GAME!