

HILLWOOD FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER

March 2016



OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Hillwood Soccer Club is currently accepting nominations for 2015 Coach and Volunteer of the year. These Awards will be presented at the Manager/AGM Meeting May 11, 2016.

Volunteers are the cornerstone of our organization and are vital to operating Hillwood Soccer Club. Each season the association honors individuals for their commitment to outstanding volunteerism.

To nominate a Coach or volunteer of the year please submit the following information;

1. Your name and team
2. Nominee's name and team
3. A brief summary outlining the reasons you feel the person deserves this award.

All nominations must be received by April 29, 2016

You can submit nominations for Coach and Volunteer of the year several ways:

1. Respond to this email, send email to Hillwoodsoccerclub@HillwoodSoccer.com
2. Send a letter to Hillwood Soccer Club PO Box 60226, Shoreline, and WA. 98160
3. Call 206-542-3353 and leave a message
4. Give nomination to a Hillwood Board member.

Written by last year's Coach of the year Dominic Nouwens:

Just last year I was given the opportunity to become an assistant coach for the HW Hammerheads through my high school coach Bill Wilkins. At first I was pretty nervous and frankly I showed up to the first practice and was worried about remembering all of the kid's names. Well within the first two weeks I was completely sucked in and had an experience that I

would not have been able to capture any other place. I soon was able to know every boy by not only their name but also how they played soccer and their personalities, which made practices more goofier but also one of the best memories of my sophomore year. It then proceeded to be the best soccer season I had ever experienced and I wasn't even playing. This kids had captured what a lot of select and high school players have forgot. To be able to have fun with the game. They not only taught me how to have fun again, but how to make the game of soccer the best part of my life.

-Dominic Nouwens Asst. Coach HW Hammerheads

Players' Pitch

(Parents and players)



It's time to start thinking about fall 2016 soccer registration. Registration for returning players begins May 12th and new players on May 26th.

Notice of Elections

At this time, we are soliciting candidates to serve on the Hillwood Board of Directors.

There are currently nine directors. Four of those positions are up for election and one of them will be an open seat. Directors attend monthly board meetings and provide governance for the club. If you are interested in serving as a director, contact Sue Brangwin.

Elections will be held as part of a brief Annual General Meeting, in conjunction with the May managers' meeting as provided for in the club's by-laws. Candidate statements will be posted to the Hillwood web site no later than April 26.



Volunteer Opportunities

Play ball with us! Whether you have just a few hours to volunteer or can make more of a commitment, there is a place for you in the Hillwood soccer community. If you aren't sure where you fit, contact us for additional opportunities.

- **Newsletter Editor**

Hillwood is looking for a volunteer to edit the Hillwood Footnotes Newsletter. This is an online publication that goes out approximately five times a year. Here is a great opportunity to gain writing experience in a supportive atmosphere!

- **Micro Game Scheduler**

Once Micro teams are formed put together game schedule for the 8 week season. This can be a shared position.

- **Registrar**

Assign players to teams following the SYSA guidelines, starting the middle of May until end of July.



Spring Camp

Fill up your spring break with more soccer fun at spring soccer camp. UK International is conducting sessions during Shoreline spring break and during the summer.

Spring camp <http://www.uksocca.com/Online/A5D.php?CID=43981771&wl=0>

July camp <http://www.uksocca.com/Online/A5D.php?CID=73981771&wl=0>

August camp <http://www.uksocca.com/Online/A5D.php?CID=82981771&wl=0>

Used Equipment

If you have equipment, soccer literature, uniforms, nets, etc. no longer in use, please return or donate them to Hillwood Soccer Club. Drop items off at 20136 23rd PI NW or bring to the next coach/manager meeting.

Select Soccer

Rec soccer offers several levels of competition, from bronze up to gold. In addition, there are numerous player development clinics kids can participate in to hone skills. If you are looking for a bigger commitment and challenge, select soccer may be a good option for you. Seattle United, our areas select soccer league, is now holding tryouts. www.seattleunited.com

A Letter to SYSA Parents from Washington Youth Soccer

Seattle Youth Soccer is a member, along with 39 other local associations, of Washington Youth Soccer, which is in turn a member of US Youth Soccer. When you register your player with SYSA, you automatically become a member of Washington Youth Soccer, which provides a wide range of services and support systems to enhance and protect SYSA's local clubs and their teams, players, and volunteers. Please take a moment to read about Washington Youth Soccer and all they offer to us as part of their stewardship [at this link](#).

Shout Outs



Congratulations:

The following U11 and above teams were recognized by SYSA for placing 1st or 2nd place in their division. Each player received a patch from SYSA.

BU11 Knights 2nd
GU11 Fearless Firecrackers 1st
BU12 Firedogs 2nd
BU13 Yellowjackets 2nd
GU14 Wild Dragons 2nd
BU15 Bombers 1st
GU15 Sonics 2nd
GU19 Wildcats 2nd

2015 City Tournament Champions

Girls U19 Wildcats First Place - Coach Christine Ong, Assist. Tony Vergel, Mgr. Beth Lydin

Boys U19 Lightning Bolts runner up - Coach Tom Berquist, Assist. Jack Hutt, Mgr. Ellen Forgett

2016 SYSA Volunteer of the year: Catherine Fitting – Hillwood Micro Jersey Coordinator

2016 SYSA Coach of the year: Dominic Nouwens – Hillwood Hammerheads

Thank You:

Spiros Pizza and Pasta for their generous donation of gift certificates for our awards.

Coaches and Team Managers for volunteering your time and energy. We couldn't do it without you!

Hillwood Board Members for keeping the club running smoothly.

Coaches' Corner

Important Dates

May 11, 2016 7:30PM Manager Registration Meeting

May 12, 2016 Registration opens

May 26, 2016 Registration packet returned to Hillwood

June 15, 2016 7:30PM Coach Meeting

All meetings are held at the Shoreline Center

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Referee

If you love soccer, consider becoming a referee. It's a great way to learn more about the game and earn spending money. The minimum age for a Hillwood referee is 11 and referees can earn \$20/game.

During the summer, youth refs ages 13+ can sideline referee youth tournaments (multiple games in one day) and make some good money on the weekend.

Referee training clinics run throughout the spring/summer and are scheduled in the evenings and/or on weekends for eight hours. It requires registration and costs between \$45.00 and \$65.00 depending on the class location and an 80% or better score to pass.

Registration starts at <https://www.wareferees.org/> On the right hand side, look for "How to Become a Referee". New, young referees want to register for the Grade 9 or 8 clinics (ranking is in descending order). A list of clinics can be found here: <https://www.wareferees.org/AvailableClinics.aspx>

For current referees who want to recertify at Grade 8 or upgrade to Grade 7, check the clinics SOON! Classes are coming up quickly.

Once you certify and are ready to referee Hillwood U9 games, contact Jamie Holter at 206.719.7535 or by email at jamiesreferees@gmail.com.

Your Turn

Do you have an interesting story, or announcement to share with us?

Email news, announcements, pictures or poems to Hillwoodsoccerclub@hillwoodsoccer.com

Information:

Hillwood website - www.hillwoodsoccer.com

Coach and player clinics - www.sysa.org

Tournaments – <http://www.washingtonyouthsoccer.org/>

Referee clinics - <http://www.washingtonyouthsoccer.org/resources/referees/>

Hillwood Soccer Club
Investing in kids and cultivating love
For the "beautiful game"

