

# HILLWOOD FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER

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

With the Micro season coming to a close, I would like to thank all GU9 teams and their families for playing in the Inter Shoreline-City league this year. Having teamed up again with our sister club Shorelake, from the eastern side of Shoreline, I believe it was a growing and positive experience for all. As I have mentioned, in the past these age groups would continue to play a house league within the Hillwood Club until U10. With shortages in teams within both clubs we have decided to work jointly within the City of Shoreline to develop a more positive soccer experience for this age group, and I believe we have started to build long lasting cross-club friendships with our fellow Shoreline soccer families.

As U11+ teams begin their second half of the season where the real winter-ish weather will start to come into play, I simply ask that everyone plan ahead and leave a little extra time to get to your game in one piece! With all the rain and wind that is headed our way, please be prepared and dress warmly. Warm-ups and soft billed caps are allowed, along with sweat shirts or "under armor" as long as our Hillwood jerseys are on top.

I was also reminded at our most recent board meeting that sometimes coaches do more than we realize with regards to attending and running practices, continuing soccer education and even covering extra team costs. Please, the next time you have the chance, thank them!!

For U11+ teams, remember the cost for City Tournament was not included in your initial fees. If your team is interested in taking part in this long standing Seattle/Shoreline tradition, please start collecting from your players. The team fee is \$110. Registration is now open and will continue until Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, so sign up soon!!

Families are again reminded to follow all school and park field rules about **no dogs** on the field on game day or during practices. Both Clubs have this priority rule in effect for the safety of all parties. PLEASE LEAVE FIDO HOME!

And as always, remember, Hillwood soccer is just for kicks!

D.J. Yasui, President, Hillwood Soccer Club

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## Player's Pitch

### (Parents and players)

#### **Kudos Coach!**

As fall soccer draws to a close, it is a good time to show our appreciation and thankfulness to the team's coaches and managers. As we are busily fixing dinner, helping our kids with homework and driving them from one place to another, our soccer coaches are often doing the same...and carrying out practices and weekly games for the team. They sacrifice in small ways that go beyond what we know by paying fees, investing in equipment, helping with transportation and just being there, outside, often in the cold and rain. Our coaches do so much for our kids and are positive role models as well as mentors, so please remember to thank them and tell them specifically why you are grateful for them!

Keep in mind the Awards Ceremony is coming up in February. If you know of a coach or volunteer that has gone the extra mile for your players, team or family - or is just a really great coach - please consider nominating them and writing a brief note about why you appreciate them!

#### **Turkey Shoot**

Here's a great chance to put that Thanksgiving pie to work! **Saturday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**, is the annual Turkey Shoot and Jamboree Tournament for U9 and U10 teams. This is a great season ending event for the younger rec players. Three short games will be played within a few hours. Matches are held at Shoreline A/B Fields (190<sup>th</sup> St NE and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE in Shoreline). Spaces are limited, so be sure to register no later than Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at SYSA's website [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org).

#### **City Tournament**

As soccer season is ending for some, it is revving up for others with City Tournament. Coaches will register their teams through SYSA. Games for the City Tournament start the Monday after Thanksgiving, **Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**, and finals are on the weekend of Saturday **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Play is conducted in a double elimination style, with each team engaging in a minimum of 2 games. Matches are played weeknights and weekends on fields throughout the city. Last year 27 of Hillwood's 30 teams participated!

If you would like to volunteer for the finals there will be opportunities to assist families, players, help with trophies, balls or just ensure that everything runs smoothly. This is a great opportunity for middle school and high school students to accrue community service hours. If interested, e-mail Ed D'Alessandro at [execdir@sysa.org](mailto:execdir@sysa.org)

[SYSA's City Tournament page](#)

## **Hillwood Soccer Fundraiser**

The date for the raffle drawing, **December 15th**, is a little over a month away. Now is your chance to sell those last few tickets. Stubs, unsold tickets and money must be turned into Hillwood by **Monday, October 29th**. Let's rally for the final push!

## **Coach's Corner**

### **Important Dates**

**Oct 30** - last day to add, drop, or transfer players for regular season.

**Nov 14th**, 7:30PM at the Shoreline Center - Coach/Manager Meeting for teams participating in City Tournament. Please make sure your team is represented.

### **Free Coach Clinic**

SU Shoreline is sponsoring a free coach's training session, recommended for U9 and above coaches.

Dates: **Friday, November 2nd**

Time: 6:30-8:00PM

Where: Shoreline A/B fields

Please dress weather appropriate and be prepared to watch UKE lead a training session with a local youth team. Feel free to invite any assistant coaches and encourage friends and other fellow coaches to attend with you. If you plan to participate, please help us with our head count by letting Eric know at: [booneberg@aol.com](mailto:booneberg@aol.com).

## City Tournament Registration

Registration for the SYSA City Tournament 2012 is now open until Friday, **November 2nd**. Please get your team signed up as soon as possible. The cost is \$110 per team. A \$100 late fee will be assessed for any team signing up after the deadline. To register [click here](#). For more information about the event, go to [SYSA's City Tournament page](#).

## NSCAA Coaching Clinic

Improve your coaching skills dramatically by attending this course on **Dec. 1st** from 9-4. Sponsored by Seattle United, this time is designed to help coaches implement developmentally appropriate training games to improve skill levels. For a full description and instructions on registration and cost, [click here](#).

## Shout Outs

We'd like to give a special thank you to the following volunteers who put in extra time and effort to make this season run smoothly for all:

Ken Juell for setting up nets and goals at Parkwood and Echo Lake

Rob McCuistion for lining the Hillwood fields

Lynn Huston for lining Sunset fields

Phil Herold for updating club bylaws

## Your Turn

Has your team received an award or won a tournament? Do you have an interesting story, or announcement to share with us? Email news and announcements to Carolyn at: [stoebe2newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stoebe2newsletter@gmail.com)

Would you like to see your team's picture on the website? Email it to Ron Norton, Hillwood Webmaster at: [Ron@A-Tech.info](mailto:Ron@A-Tech.info)

### **Borrowed or 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 23<sup>rd</sup> PI NW or at the next coach/manager meeting.

#### **Information:**

Hillwood website - [www.hillwoodsoccer.com](http://www.hillwoodsoccer.com)

Maps to fields - [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org)

Coach and player clinics - [www.sysa.org](http://www.sysa.org)

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

Referee clinics - <http://www.wasrc.org/>

## **Hillwood Soccer Club**

**Investing in our kids, creating memories and  
cultivating a love for the**

**"beautiful game"**